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Voting machines sought

The Fayette County commissioners hope to reduce waiting time at polling places.

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UNIONTOWN – After a lengthy discussion Thursday, the Fayette County commissioners agreed to formulate a plan to purchase more and possibly different voting machines.

But it is unknown if machines can be obtained in time for the April 22 primary.

Two weeks ago, commissioners considered ordering additional eSlate electronic voting machines in an effort to eliminate long waits at some precincts.

But they also agreed to consider Uniontown resident DeLinda Young's suggestion that the county buy electronic voting machines that scan paper ballots.

The eScan machines allow for a paper record of each vote and can be used in conjunction with the eSlate machines.

"I've been doing a lot of research the last couple of weeks since our last meeting," said Commissioner Vincent Vicites.

The eScan, Vicites said, would "give people not up-to-date on eSlate a choice. I think that would be good and lower waiting time at the polls."

The commissioners allocated $170,000 in this year's budget for the purchase of up to 55 eSlate machines. Placing one eScan in each of the 103 county precincts could cost $472,000. That could be budgeted over several years, said Vicites. Some eSlate machines also might be sold to help cover the cost, he said.

"It would behoove us to look at different types of machines," said Commissioner Vincent Zapotosky. "Do we put a cost on our greatest right as citizens of the U.S., and that's the right to vote?"

He said some voters might be more comfortable with a paper ballot.

A motion by Commissioner Angela Zimmerlink to purchase an additional 50 eSlate machines in time for the primary failed.

"That's not to say I won't look into alternate voting systems," she said.

At Young's suggestion, the commissioners agreed to investigate the possibility of leasing eScan machines for the primary.

Double murder suspect arraigned

Contract extension for BVA superintendent

ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP – The chief administrator at Belle Vernon Area received a five-year contract extension on Monday night.

The school board unanimously retained Superintendent Robert J. Nagy through June 30, 2013. Nagy's salary for the new term, which begins July 1, will be set within 60 days.

Nagy currently earns $120,828 per year. He was hired as superintendent in 2003 and has been a member of the BVA staff for more than 30 years.

The contract for district's business manager, Eileen Navish, was also renewed for another five years.

Rebate (FROM PAGE ONE)

questioned," said Richard DeKaser, chief economist with Cleveland-based National City Corp. "It's intended, designed to boost the overall economy. ... It's a rising tide. It will tend to raise all ships."

Steve Conger, however, wondered whether the rebates were the best way to boost the economy.

"If they were really concerned, they'd use the money for people who are defaulting on their mortgages," Steve Conger said.

But ultimately, he believes the rebates will encourage consumers to overspend.

"We are, by nature, over consumers and they feel they can appeal to that nature," Steve Conger said. "It's so easy to appeal to that because no one's ever content."

Plan (FROM PAGE ONE)

Kulak said that by combining the two communities, there is more money available to help implement the comprehensive plan.

Money has already been awarded through Washington County for the zoning project. Representatives this week will work to obtain money for the aquatorium project.

Kulak said work began on the joint comprehensive plan in September 2006.

Written comments must be received by 4 p.m. Feb. 22 by Mackin Engineering. The plan will be presented to both councils in March for possible adoption.

To review the proposal, visit:

- Monongahela City Hall, 449 W. Main St., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.
- New Eagle Borough Building, 157 Main St., 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

For information, call Amy Senopole, of Mackin Engineering, at (412) 788-0472; Kulak, (724) 258-2309; or Pro, (724) 258-6379.

Senopole can be contacted via e-mail at asenopole@mackinengineering.com.

Nagy (FROM PAGE ONE)

apartment.

Nagy allegedly told investigators he was aware that Trotta had cashed a large check on Sept. 10, but did not know exactly how much the check was worth, according to the affidavit.

Police said Nagy was seen purchasing crack cocaine with $50 and $100 bills.

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Our upcoming special section, Brides, was created especially for brides-to-be. Inside, you'll find features designed to help you plan the perfect wedding day and beyond. From the latest bridal fashions and flowers to financial planning advice, invitation etiquette and honeymoon hot spots, there's something for everyone ... including the groom.
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Yesteryear

The eighth grade graduating class of St. Dominic School, Donora, is shown on June 18, 1950. In front, from left, are Dolores Mihalic Gondos, Marie Karnis Meeks, Ann Grcich Janecek, Monsignor Joseph Kushner, Eileen Sadler, Margie Daniels Tueche and Marianne Krajnik; second row, Paul Stofa, Stephen Poklemba, Ron Gress, Edward Brletich, Joseph Bozik, Frank Cervenka, Robert Stofa and Sister Mary Euphemia; third row, Sister Mary Phyllis Gembarosky, Charlotte Kopko Klochak, Marcella Bednar Hynok, Marian Dolnack Riley, who submitted the photo; Patricia Mesher Koscelnik and Elaine Rudinec Andras; fourth row, Charles Vaira, Eugene Varosky, Joseph Minno, Ralph Vasko, William Nobili, Joseph Hornak, Joseph Sambol and Robert Mihalko.

Weather

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
High 32 Low 22	High 38 Low 22	High 42 Low 32	High 42 Low 33	High 35 Low 20

Area schools get federal grant

Yough among districts to receive funding for fiber-optic network.

By PAUL PATERRA
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A project to connect several Westmoreland County school districts by way of a fiber-optic telecommunications network is getting a boost in the form of a federal grant.

The funding comes through the U.S. Department of Education's E-rate program, which provides discounted telecommunication services. The federal share is $605,482, which was matched by a Pennsylvania Department of Education Technology Fund (E-Fund) grant.

With the assistance of the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit, the Jeannette School District led the way in securing funding for what is known as the Central Region Consortium. School districts joining Jeannette in this collaboration are Hempfield Area, Penn-Trafford and Yough, along with the Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center and the Diocese of Greensburg.

"This will enhance the educational opportunities for students and teachers, as well as opportunities in the community," said Luanne Matta, executive director of the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit. "It's really opening the world to our kids and getting them ready for 21st century technological education."

The funding will be used for high-speed Internet connectivity projects between schools.

Districts will not only hook up all of their buildings, but also will be connected with the other involved districts.

"There's just a lot of possibilities there that haven't really fully been explored," said Bob Rizzo, technology director for the Hempfield Area School District.

A data communications link will be connected from the intermediate unit -- which will serve as the Internet service provider -- to at least one site in each of the other districts and Greensburg Central Catholic High School. The intent is to provide the framework for expansion of the fiber-optic network within each district.

Matta said she hopes the network will be up and running within the year.

Those involved will be able to make better use of the technology they have.

"It will allow consortium schools to more efficiently use technology, implement new technology-related educational tools and be prepared for merging technology," said Joe Biondo, assistant director of the Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center. "The telecommunications system will provide greater opportunities for communities it serves and will connect the existing fiber lines to improve communication over a large portion of Westmoreland County."

Benefits include a higher bandwidth, enhanced integration for teachers and increased opportunities for classroom video hookups.

"It takes us outside of just being a single district and expands us to being part of the county school districts," said Bill Lee, technology director of the Yough School District. "It opens up a wealth of resources. I have things at Yough that Jeannette could be using and Jeannette has things I can be using. It makes us one big family in the county."

Matta said the intermediate unit should hear very soon about similar funding for the Northern Region Consortium, which consists of the Burrell, Franklin Regional and Kiski Area school districts.

RMU, families mourn 'fun-loving' students

Tribune-Review News Service

PITTSBURGH – Stunned family members and students at Robert Morris University tried to make sense Thursday of a shooting that killed two sophomores and wounded a third.

The family of Michelle Machusko waited at UPMC Mercy, Uptown, where she remained in critical condition after surgery for seven gunshot wounds police said were inflicted in a jealous rage by her live-in boyfriend, H. Paul Visnansky, who remained jailed.

In Beaver County, the family of Jonathan Gilbert searched for answers about what happened Tuesday night when he was shot to death in a North Fayette apartment shared by Machusko and Visnansky. Also killed was Michael Tatalovich. Both men were Center Area High School graduates.

Gilbert was "a peacemaker," said Thom Lang, his stepfather.

"The kid was such a good kid," Lang said. "This devastates us."

At the university's Moon campus, where Machusko majored in elementary education, students and staff mourned the deaths of Gilbert and Tatalovich.

"This is our time to be independent because we're in college, and we're adults now," said Robert Morris sophomore Jessica Charles, 19, of Lancaster. "You always think things are going to be safe, but this is a new, grown-up world to us, and I guess this is our wake-up call. It's shocking."

Memorial messages to Gilbert, 22 -- described as a "sweet, fun-loving guy" known to friends as "Gillie" -- filled his Web page on the social networking site Facebook. Tatalovich, 20, nicknamed "Fudd," was remembered as a "gentle soul and cherished friend" on his Facebook page.

A tractor-trailer driven by Kevin G. Rotter, 43, of Sterling Heights, Mich., became wedged and abandoned on a bridge on Butsko Road in Fallowfield Township Thursday. Police said the driver was later located and taken back to the scene. Bridge inspectors were called out because some of the railings on the span were bent and some concrete was knocked into Pigeon Creek below. The rig was impounded and was to be inspected today.

Wayne Bay/ For The Valley Independent

Valley briefs

Chase suspects waive charges

UNIONTOWN – Two Bentleyville men accused of leading police on a high speed chase following an alleged burglary at a car wash waived their charges to court.

Robert William Petrick, 42, and Thomas Clarence Hamilton, 42, both of 159 Almond Road, waived their charges before Magisterial District Judge Wendy D. Dennis in Uniontown.

Petrick is charged with fleeing and eluding police, theft, criminal conspiracy to commit theft, recklessly endangering another person, criminal mischief, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, public drunkenness, DUI, careless driving, reckless driving and other traffic violations.

Hamilton is charged with theft, criminal mischief, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and public drunkenness.

State police in Uniontown got a call about a theft in progress shortly after 7 a.m. Nov. 30 at the Double Bubble Car Wash, Uniontown. Police spotted the 1990 blue Chevrolet Corsica seen at the car wash traveling on Route 51 in North Union Township. A police pursuit began on Route 51 north, with speeds in excess of 100 mph.

The chase ended in Rostraver Township when the suspect's car ran over a set of spike strips.

Firefighter hospitalized

A firefighter was taken by medical helicopter from the scene of a house fire Thursday night in South Huntingdon.

Westmoreland County 911 confirmed a firefighter required hospitalization, but had received conflicting reports whether he was injured battling the blaze or suffered a medical emergency.

A landing zone was established at Turkeytown fire department to transport him to Pittsburgh for treatment.

The fire started at about 9:30 p.m. at the residence at 567 Smithton Pike, just off Interstate 70 in a remote area with limited water access, according to a Westmoreland County dispatcher.

One person was reportedly inside the house when the blaze broke out, but was not injured, according to the dispatcher. It was unclear how many people lived in the house.

In addition to Turkeytown, units from Smithton, West Newton, Sutersville and Collinsburg assisted with tankers to boost the water supply.

Suit filed against weight-loss chain

State Attorney General Tom Corbett on Thursday filed a consumer protection lawsuit against a national weight-loss chain and its owner, alleging deceptive business practices at the company that abruptly closed Jan. 4.

The lawsuit accuses Pure Weight Loss Inc., formerly known as L.A. Weight Loss Centers Inc., and company owner Vahan Karian, who goes by the name Vahan Karabajakian, of deceptive marketing and sales of long-term contracts for weight loss supplements, prepackaged food and weight loss counseling services.

Corbett said in December, Pure Weight Loss announced plans to close about 400 stores across the country – including 47 locations in Pennsylvania.

There are three Pittsburgh locations. Other outlets are located in Greengate Centre, Westmoreland County, Butler, Erie, Johnstown, Monroeville, Washington and Whitehall.

Jasmine Gehris/For The Valley Independent

Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Chairman Sheila Bair says lenders should modify unaffordable loans.

FDIC boss promises pressure on lenders

Sheila Bair said most facing mortgage woes are honest families.

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PITTSBURGH – The federal government will "step up the pressure" on the lending industry to work out America's mortgage mess so fewer people lose their homes, the chairwoman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. said Thursday.

"This is deadly serious," Sheila Bair said in a speech Downtown. "Foreclosures are too high in Pittsburgh and around the country."

There were 4,228 home foreclosures completed in 2007 in a five-county region of western Pennsylvania, according to RealStats, a South Side-based real estate information company. That was a 2.1 percent decrease from the 4,318 foreclosures in 2006.

The FDIC chairwoman said mortgage lenders should modify unaffordable, subprime home-loan rates or loan amounts if borrowers are "reasonably current" on their mortgage payments.

"If that's not happening, I want to know about it," she told more than 100 community-development and mortgage officials.

The Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group – PCRG – and First Commonwealth Bank, Indiana, Pa., sponsored the event.

"It's always better for everyone to modify the loan than to foreclose," Bair said. "It makes economic sense."

The FDIC and other federal bank regulators recently reached agreements with the biggest mortgage-service companies to freeze for at least five years mortgage rates that are due to ratchet upward, Bair said.

Such adjustable-rate mortgages can, after three years, jump from 8 percent or less to more than 11 percent.

Homeowners likely are to be plagued by mortgages whose rates will jump upward "well into 2009," she said.

"Some borrowers knew what they were doing" when they took such loans, Bair said. "But that's not the majority. Most are honest, working-class families that have been in their homes many years."

The FDIC and other bank regulators can pressure, but not force, mortgage companies to modify loans, she said. Only 5 percent of U.S. mortgages cannot legally be modified by the borrower and the lender, she said.

A 2007 law allows loan servicers to lower the principle amount of mortgages without borrowers paying more in taxes.

Need help?

To lodge a complaint with the FDIC against a mortgage lender, call 877 (275-3342), or visit www.FDIC.gov and link to the consumer complaint page.

For credit counseling or help reaching your lender, call 888 (995) 4673. Lenders' telephone numbers are usually printed on billing statements.

Rostraver man dies in blaze

Reno Dongilli called Lifeline shortly after 2 a.m. to report the fire.

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ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP – A 79-year-old man died early this morning from injuries he suffered at a fire in his home.

Rostraver Township police said Reno Dongilli, of 92 Dongilli Park Lane, was pronounced dead at his residence by a Westmoreland County coroner.

Police said Dongilli summoned the assistance of Lifeline, a personal medical alert system, shortly after 2 a.m., to report a fire in his home.

Lifeline then contacted Dongilli's son, who immediately went to his home and removed burning blankets from his father's bed.

Police said fire and smoke forced the unnamed son out of the residence.

The fire is being investigated by a state police fire marshal, however it is not being considered suspicious at this time.

Rostraver police were assisted by Rostraver Central, Collinsburg, Rostraver No. 1 and Smithton firefighters, Rostraver/West Newton EMS, the Westmoreland County Records and Identification unit and the coroner.

Fayette County

Housing board position filled

A motion to return Belle Vernon Mayor Jim Bitonti to the panel died for lack of a second.

By MARY PICKELS
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UNIONTOWN – It took the nomination of four candidates Thursday, but the Fayette County commissioners filled a seat on the county housing authority board.

George Onesko, of Luzerne Township, will take the seat vacated by Commissioner Angela Zimmerlink less than a week after she was reappointed.

Zimmerlink, who had served two previous five-year terms on the board, said on Jan. 11 she did not want potential controversy over her participation to distract from the board's work.

Commissioners had voted 2-1 to appoint Zimmerlink to finish out the unexpired term of William Radcliffe, who resigned with one year left of his term.

"In the last few years of my service on the housing authority and in the commissioners' office, there are people who attempted to place negativity and false accusations to deflect from the real issues," Zimmerlink said when resigning.

"I do not want these types of actions from these individuals to jeopardize county government and the housing authority because they have a vendetta or personal problem with me."

Zimmerlink noted in her letter of resignation that during her tenure on the board, the authority spent thousands of dollars researching claims involving an ethics complaint.

The State Ethics Commission found that Zimmerlink acted on the advice of the authority's solicitor to continue approving Section 8 program vouchers for more than two years after she learned her estranged father was a landlord.

The authority subsequently removed her father from the program in 2005.

Commissioner Vincent Vicites had opposed Zimmerlink's nomination on the grounds that appointed authorities are to operate autonomously, or free of any political pressure.

Such pressure could arise, he said, with a county commissioner on the authority board because commissioners make the appointments to the authority.

Zimmerlink's motion yesterday to appoint Donald Miller, of Uniontown, to serve out Radcliffe's term received no second.

Vicites' nominations of Jim Bitonti, of Belle Vernon, and Harry Joseph, of South Union, both died for lack of seconds.

Commissioner Vincent Zapotosky's nomination of Onesko received Vicites' support and passed 2-1.

Zapotosky said he believed the appointment of Onesko, who he said was a building manager at a private high-rise, was apolitical.

"Most of you don't even know who I'm talking about," Zapotosky said, "and that's the beauty of it."

"I felt he was a good alternate choice," Vicites said after the meeting.

Also yesterday, the board approved 2-1 Vicites' motion to appoint an independent tax assessment board.

Zimmerlink was opposed.

Three appointees would each serve a four-year term ending in 2012.

Zimmerlink wanted the commissioners to continue serving as the appeal board. She said yesterday that commissioners were able to "make independent decisions."

Reassessment notices will be mailed to property owners in the spring of 2009 and appeals heard that summer and fall, Fayette County Chief Assessor James A. Hercik said earlier this week.

Five years ago, when the first reassessment since 1958 was conducted, 10,000 appeals were heard.

"I don't anticipate that many," said Vicites, "but there could be thousands. ... Physically, the commissioners may not be able to do all of the appeals."

The commissioners neither nominated candidates nor established per diem pay yesterday.

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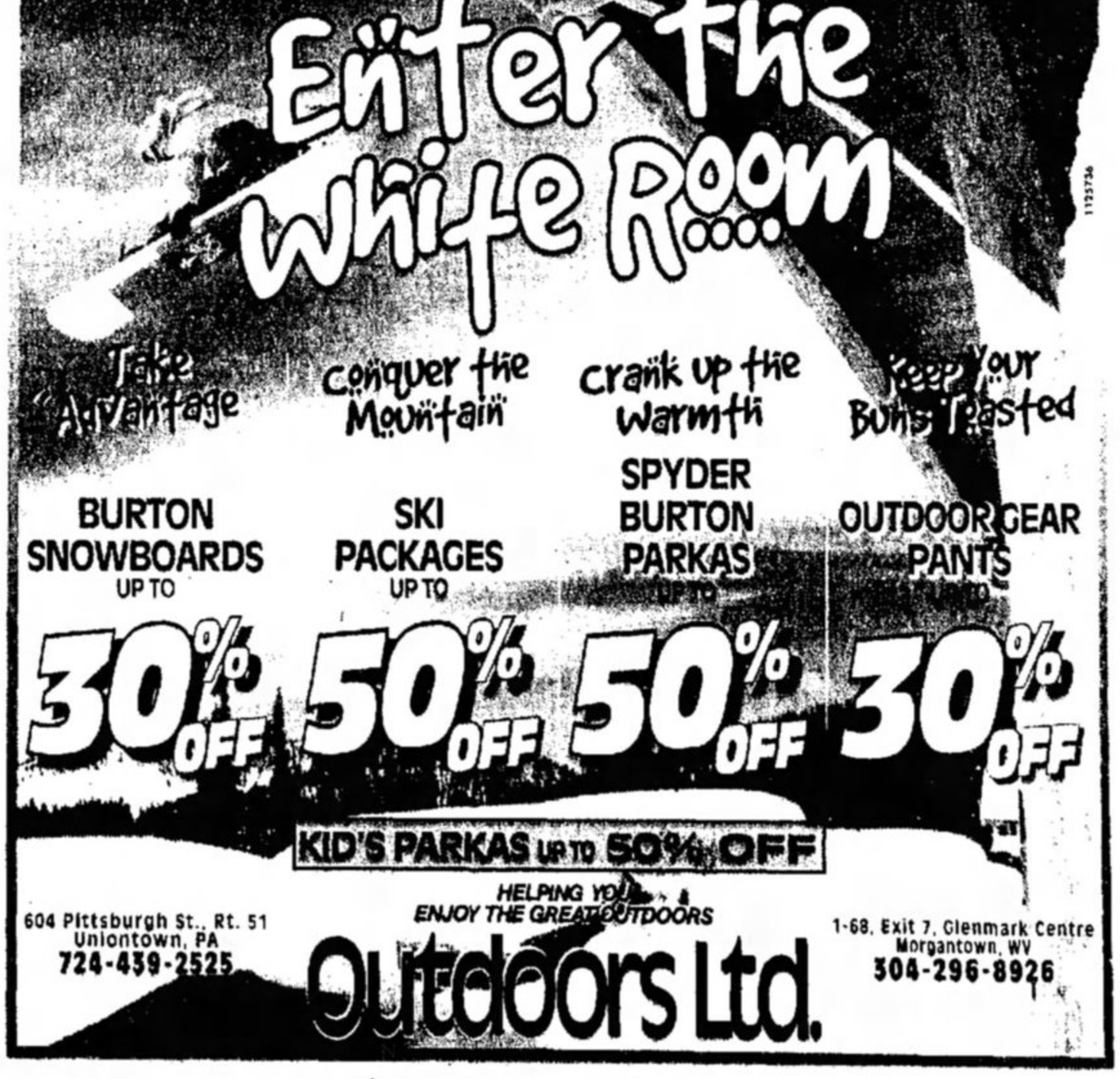
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HOLLOWAY — Brenda E. Holloway, 52, of San Diego, Calif., formerly of Donora, on Wednesday, Jan. 9. House of Jackson Memorial Chapel, Donora.*

WEIBL — A. Hazel Weibl, 89, of Monessen, on Wednesday, Jan. 23. Rhome Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

WHITNEY — Marguerite E. Whitney, 92, of West Grove, on Wednesday, Jan. 23. James C. Stump Funeral Home Inc., Sweeney Plan/Rostraver Township.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS:
BISSETT, Christopher
DiFLORIO, Audrey A.*
KOVACIK, Charles G.*
KUBIC, Mary J.*
MCVICKER, Bruce H.*
SEALY, Barbara A.*
* See death notice

Delores Harger
Newell

Delores "Do-Do" Givogre Harger, 77, of Newell, passed away peacefully the morning of Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, in the Washington County Health Center. She was the beloved wife of Edwin S. Harger, who cared for her so lovingly and patiently over the past 12 years as she battled Alzheimer's disease. They met at the "Piggy Wiggy" Skating Rink in Belle Vernon and continued to be avid roller and ice skaters and dancers for most of their lives together. They celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary in April 2007. Born Delores Marie Givogre in Brownsville General Hospital, Do-Do was the first born child of the late Joseph and the late Catherine Bielek Givogre and spent a very happy childhood in California. She graduated from California High School in 1948 and went on to Douglas Business School. After graduating, she was employed for a time with *The Valley Independent* newspaper. After this initial job, she began a career at Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation, where she worked for 33 years in the California office. She worked as a secretary, ran the print shop, did payroll and served in many other areas during her career. Upon retirement, she worked as the assistant office manager of the Newell Federal Credit Union for approximately 10 years. Do-do was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Newell and the Christian Mothers group. She was known for her many talents, particularly her artistic, sewing and crafting skills. Do-do was a den mother for the Newell Cub Scouts in past years and a member of the ladies' auxiliaries of the Newell Fire Department and the Santa Barbara Italian Club in Newell. In addition to her loving and devoted husband, Edwin S. Harger, she is survived by her cherished, only child, her son, Martin L Harger Sr., of Newell. She was dearly loved and adored by her only sister, Mary Givogre Tafel, wife of the Rev. Gregory S. Tafel, of Easton. She was blessed with two grandchildren whom she cherished and adored, grandson, Martin L. Harger Jr. and wife, Jamie (Strothers), of Perryopolis, and granddaughter, Amber Lynn Harger, now living in Michigan, and two great-granddaughters, Sage Lynn and Chloe Morgan Harger, of Perryopolis. She was the most wonderful aunt in the world and will be dearly missed by her nephews, Justin Tafel and Jared Tafel and wife, Adria Basi. In addition, she is survived by four sisters-in-law, Ruth Harger Winsing, of Uniontown, Lorraine Fuller Harger, of Middletown, Ohio, Margaret Decovich Harger, of Brownsville, and Donna Kelly, of Florida. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews on the Harger side of the family. Do-do was predeceased by a beloved younger brother, William Joseph "Billy Boy" Givogre, who died in 1949 at the age of 12 after a long battle with leukemia. Finally, Do-do is reunited with her precious little brother and her beloved parents in Heaven. Friends will be received in the ELEY-McCRORY FUNERAL HOME INC., 334 Main St., Fayette City (724-326-5621), on Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 and Monday, Jan. 28, until 9:30 a.m., when a blessing service will take place, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church, Belle Vernon, with the Rev. Lawrence Manchas as celebrant. Interment will follow in LaFayette Memorial Park, Brier Hill. Contributions in memory of Delores G. "Do-Do" Harger may be made to: The Adult Day Center, The Center in the Woods, 130 Woodland Court, Brownsville, Pa. 15417. The family is grateful to the Adult Day Center for the loving care they gave to Do-do during the last year she was able to be at home. She loved seeing "all the people" and dancing on music days..

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Christopher Shawn Bissett
Perryopolis

Christopher Shawn Bissett, 22, of Perryopolis, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born Sept. 5, 1985, in Monongahela, the son of Robert and A. Kimberly Miller Bissett, who survive and reside in Perryopolis. Chris graduated from Frazier High School in 2003 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in August 2003. He was stationed out of Norfolk, Va., and serving as a small arms instructor aboard the USS Harry S. Truman, an aircraft carrier. Chris received the Top Gun Award for Excellent Marksmanship. During his four years in the Navy, he served in the Persian Gulf during Operation Iraqi Freedom. In addition to his parents, he is survived by one sister, Jamie Bissett, at home; his maternal grandmother, Evelyn Miller, of Beallsville; his paternal grandparents, Hubert and Mary Louise Bissett, of Waynesburg; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, William Miller. He will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends. Visitation will be held in the BLAIR-LOWTHER FUNERAL HOME INC., 106 East Independence St., Perryopolis (724-736-4424), on Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturday until 11 a.m., the hour of service with the Rev. Mike Malone officiating. Interment will be in Belle Vernon Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: First Christian Church, Perryopolis, Pa. 15473.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Audrey A. DiFlorio
Boynton Beach, Fla.
Formerly of Monessen

Audrey Ann DiFlorio, 69, of Boynton Beach, Fla., formerly of Monessen, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008, in Delray Medical Center, Delray Beach, Fla. She was born in Monessen on June 8, 1938, the daughter of the late William and Olga Spadolini DiFlorio. Audrey was a graduate of Monessen High School Class of 1956 and a graduate of Michigan State University. While living in Monessen, she was a member of the former St. Cajetan Roman Catholic Church. Audrey retired from FedEx with 20 years of service, having worked as a senior personnel representative in the Human Resources Department. Audrey loved gardening and the outdoors. She achieved two "holes in one" as a golfer having played the game all over the world, and she was a member of the Latrobe Country Club. Over the past 11 years, she lived in Boynton Beach, Fla., where she enjoyed entertaining and taking care of her beautifully decorated home. She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Dolores and Dominick Vesio, of The Villages, in Florida; her dear friends, Angela and Mary Nestos, of Pittsburgh; nieces and nephews, Rosann Vesio, of Belle Vernon, Dr. Kenneth D. Vesio and wife, Lenora, of Pittsburgh; Loris Lynn Connolly and husband, Dr. James Connolly, of Rostraver Township, and William A. Vesio, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two aunts, Gilda Sparano, of New Rochelle, N.Y, and Florence Russo of The Villages, Fla.; and great-nieces and great-nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, William DiFlorio Jr. Friends will be received Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the DALFONSO-BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC. and CREMATION SERVICES, 441 Reed Ave., Monessen (724-684-8750). Services will be held Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008, beginning with a 9:30 a.m. Blessing in the funeral home, followed by a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass in Epiphany of Our Lord R.C. Church. Entombment will follow in the Grandview Cemetery Mausoleum, Monessen. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to: Conventual Franciscan Friars, 103 St. Francis Blvd., Mount St. Francis, Ind. 47146-9000. Condolences accepted at www.dalfonso-billick.com

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Charles G. Kovacik
Donora

Charles G. "Montana" Kovacik, 84, of Donora, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008, in Forbes Regional Hospital, Monroeville. He was born in Donora on April 25, 1923, a son of the late Andrew and Pauline Sitarcik Kovacik. Most of his childhood was spent growing up on the farm his parents owned and operated in Berlin. Montana, as most of his friends called him, received his nickname when he was sent to a CC Camp in Billings, Mont. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and loved to travel. Montana also had a passion for drawing and did charcoal sketches of many of his friends and family. He served as a Pvt. 1/C in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. After his tour of duty, he worked for the Army Air Force in a civilian capacity at their Iceland Base before coming home and gaining employment with U.S. Steel, first with the Donora Works and later with the Irvin Works, from where he retired. Montana was a member of Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Donora and the Donora American Legion. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Marie Dugan and Antoinette Kovacik; and four brothers, Joseph, John, Albert and Andrew Kovacik. Survivors include his sister, Julie Kovacik, of Donora; and many nieces and nephews. Friends will be received Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the ANTHONY L. MASSAFRA FUNERAL HOME, 40 Second St. Ext., Donora (724-379-6900), where prayers will be recited on Saturday, Jan. 26, at 10 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of the Valley Parish, St. Dominic Church, Donora, at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Michael Yaksick as celebrant. Interment will follow in St. Dominic Cemetery, Donora.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Brenda E. Holloway
San Diego, Calif.
Formerly of Donora

Brenda E. Holloway, 52, of San Diego, Calif., formerly of Donora, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008, at her home in San Diego. She was born Aug. 27, 1955, in McKeesport. Brenda was a graduate of Donora High School and then went on to become a veteran in the U.S. Navy, specializing in communications, serving our country for 12 years with an honorable discharge. Brenda was a loving person with a smile on her face every time you crossed paths with her. She was preceded in death by her mother, Reather Holloway. She is survived by her father, James L.T. Holloway Sr., of Donora; two brothers, James Holloway and wife, Patricia, and Daniel Holloway, all of Columbus, Ohio; one sister, Debra Fisher and husband, Robert, of Akron, Ohio; and uncles, aunts, cousins, family and friends. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 26, at 11 a.m. in Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church, 317 First St. and Watkins Avenue, Donora, with the Rev. Eleanor Williams, pastor of Wayman-Quinn A.M.E. Church, Monessen, officiating. The eulogy will be given by Pastor Cheryl Ruffin. Arrangements have been gently placed in the hands of the HOUSE of JACKSON MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1324 Meldon Ave., Donora; Karl Jackson, funeral director (724-379-5420).

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Mary J. Kubic
Monessen

Mary J. Kubic, 89, of Monessen, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, in Jefferson Hills Nursing Center. Born in Monessen on Sept. 9, 1918, she was a daughter of the late John and Mary Kovatich. She retired from Union Cleaners of Monessen and also worked at the Jenny Shoppe. Mrs. Kubic was a member of Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church, the Polish Woman's Alliance, and the Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge No. 194. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, John F. Kubic; and three sisters, Catherine Muzar, Ann Cavrak and Frances Plavetich. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Kenneth McGee, of Monessen; two grandsons, John Kenneth and Joseph Richard McGee, of Monessen; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Albert and Dorothy Kovatich, of Monessen, and Peter Kovacic, of Bentleyville; a dear friend, Elsie Horan, of Belle Vernon; and numerous nieces and nephews. Friends will be received Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the ROBERT A. BILLICK - FUNERAL HOME INC., Grand Boulevard and Marion Avenue, Monessen (724-684-3700). A blessing service will be held Saturday, Jan. 26, at 11:30 a.m. in the funeral home, followed by a Funeral Mass at noon in Epiphany of Our Lord R.C. Church. Interment will be in St. Hyacinth Cemetery, Monessen. The Catholic Business and Professional Women will conduct services Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

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Bruce H. McVicker
Donora

Bruce Hamilton McVicker, 53, of Donora, formerly of Monongahela, died Friday, Jan. 8, 2008, in his home. He was born Nov. 7, 1954, in Monongahela, a son of the late Frank Robert Sr. and Dora Frances Toretti McVicker. Bruce was a 1972 graduate of Ringgold High School and a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Monongahela. He was formerly employed by U.S. Steel, Irwin Works and as a computer analyst for E.F. Hutton in San Diego, Calif. Bruce also was an over-the-road truck driver on an independent basis. He is survived by two brothers, John A. McVicker and wife, Jolie Roy, of Chicago, Ill., and Frank Robert McVicker Jr. and wife, Debbie, of Buffalo, N.Y.; one sister, Mary Gail Ervay and husband, Hank, of Painted Post, N.Y.; and several nieces and nephews. Friends and family will gather at the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 West Main St., Monongahela (724-258-6136), on Saturday, Jan. 26, at 10:30 a.m. for a time to socialize, followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Mark Woomer officiating. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to: American Liver Foundation, 75 Maiden Lane, Suite 603, New York, N.Y. 10038-4810.

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Barbara A. Sealy
West Brownsville

Barbara A. Sealy, 83, of West Brownsville, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, in Adam's Personal Care Home. She was born Jan. 10, 1925, in West Brownsville, the daughter of the late John and Barbara Slachta Buletza. Mrs. Sealy was a retired registered nurse with Brownsville General Hospital with 37 years of service. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, James B. Sealy; daughter, Cerenna Mace, and granddaughter, Meghan Mace, both of Fairchance; two grandsons, Brian Mace and wife, Lori, of Chambersburg, and Wesley Mace and wife, Jenna, of Baltimore, Md.; five great-grandchildren; one nephew, David Buletza and wife, Judy; and four nieces, Joan Leiner and husband, William, Barbara Matola, Carolyn and Sharon Buletza, and Debbie Kennedy Neil and husband, Kent. She was predeceased by four brothers, George, Michael, William and John Buletza. Friends will be received in the SKIRPAN FUNERAL HOME, 135 Park St., Brownsville (724-785-6488), on Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m., where a Panachida Service will be held Monday, Jan. 28, at 9:30 a.m., followed by Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m. in St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, Brownsville, with the Rev. Jerome Botsko as celebrant. A Parastas Service will be held Sunday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Center in the Woods, California.

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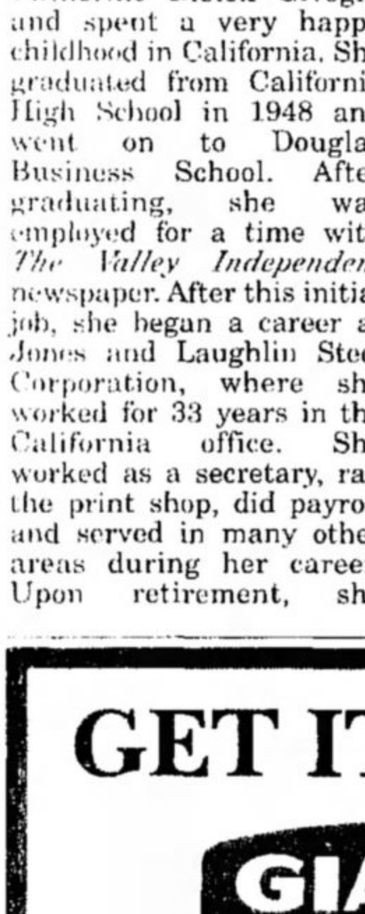

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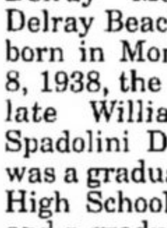

In Memory Of Mary Muccino

In loving memory of our wife, mother and grandmother, Mary Muccino, who passed away 19 years ago, January 25, 1989 and whose 74th Birthday would be March 18.

Today is your birthday without candles and cake, and since you're not with us we won't celebrate. On a sad day like this there is not much to say, but ask God to honor you in His own way. And grant us one wish and make it come true, to have His choir of Angels sing "Happy Birthday" to you.

Sadly missed and loved by her husband Mario & children Mario Jr., Michael, Barbara Ann, Nancy Rocco, Robert & Grandchildren

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Jan. 25, the 25th day of 2008. There are 341 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Jan. 25, 1858, Britain's Princess Victoria (the eldest daughter of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert), married Crown Prince Frederick William (the future German Emperor and King of Prussia) at St. James's Palace. (The ceremony's tradition-setting music, personally selected by the Princess Royal, included the "Bridal Chorus" from Richard Wagner's "Lohengrin" and the "Wedding March" by Felix Mendelssohn.)

On this date:

■ In 1787, Shays's Rebellion suffered a setback when debt-ridden farmers led by Capt. Daniel Shays failed to capture an arsenal at Springfield, Mass.

■ In 1890, reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) of the New York World completed a round-the-world journey in 72 days, 6 hours and 11 minutes.

■ In 1890, the United Mine Workers of America was founded.

■ In 1915, Alexander Graham Bell inaugurated U.S. transcontinental telephone service.

■ In 1946, the United Mine Workers rejoined the American Federation of Labor.

■ In 1947, American gangster Al Capone died in Miami Beach, Fla., at age 48.

■ In 1959, American Airlines began jet flights between New York and Los Angeles on the Boeing 707.

■ In 1961, President John F. Kennedy held the first presidential news conference carried live on radio and television.

■ In 1971, Charles Manson and three women followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actress Sharon Tate.

■ In 1981, the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived in the United States.

■ **Ten years ago**: Pope John Paul II ended his historic journey to Cuba. American astronaut Andrew Thomas moved from the space shuttle Endeavour into the Russian space station Mir as the relief for David Wolf.

■ **Five years ago**: NASA launched a spacecraft into orbit to measure all of the radiation streaming toward Earth from the sun. Serena Williams survived an error-filled match to beat elder sister Venus 7-6 (4), 3-6, 6-4 to win the Australian Open for her fourth straight major championship.

■ **One year ago**: Ford Motor Co. said it had lost a staggering $12.7 billion in 2006, the worst loss in the company's 103-year history.

Associated Press

Palestinians crowd Egyptian streets after making their way from the Gaza Strip. Officials today are trying to close the border.

Egypt ends flow from Gaza Strip

The Palestinians threw rocks and scuffled with police officers.

By The Associated Press

RAFAH, Gaza Strip – Egyptian border guards today appeared to be taking steps to close the border with the Gaza Strip, forming a human chain and blocking movement of Palestinians into Egypt with their riot shields, witnesses said.

The Egyptians were allowing passage only to Palestinians seeking to return to the strip after visiting Egypt, in the wake of the demolition of large stretches of the border wall by Hamas militants Wednesday.

Egyptian officials had warned earlier that Gazans' brief bliss of freedom, shopping and visiting relatives would soon end with the resealing of the border.

On Thursday, scenes of frenzy, chaos and joy played out at the border. Guards channeled crowds through a handful of openings, where Palestinians pushed, shouted, and jostled their way into Egypt, braving a gauntlet of cows, camels, fertilizer, food and truckloads of cement.

The scene did not play out without violence: Israeli aircraft killed four Hamas militants overnight in missile strikes around the border town of Rafah, Israeli and Palestinian officials said today.

The Israeli military described both strikes as being against "terrorists".

In what looked like a first step toward restoring a border, Egyptian security forces on Thursday turned back Palestinians who attempted to travel deeper into Egypt – though they did nothing to stem the flow of Egyptian goods making their way to the frontier region to replenish rapidly depleting stocks.

Dozens of Hamas militants dressed in black stood on the Gaza side of the border, in front of the fallen wall, checking people's bags and packages for weapons, drugs and other prohibited items as they re-entered Gaza.

As the presence of Egyptian and Hamas security forces grew, so did the crowds.

As Egyptian police formed a cordon, blocking Gazans from passing into Egypt, angry Gazans threw stones and scuffled with police.

Mortgage rates drop again

The decline likely was driven by the Fed's latest cuts.

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON – Rates on 30-year mortgages dropped for a fourth straight week to the lowest level in nearly four years, raising hopes that low rates will help spur a rebound in the hard-hit housing industry.

Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, reported Thursday that 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages averaged 5.48 percent this week, down from 5.69 percent last week.

It was the fourth consecutive decline and the third straight week that rates have been below the 6 percent level. The new rate marked the lowest point for 30-year mortgages since they averaged 5.40 percent the week of March 25, 2004.

Economists attributed the decline to further weak news on the economy combined with the biggest reduction of a key interest rate by the Federal Reserve in more than 20 years, a move that has raised hopes the Fed will be making more rate cuts as it steps up its efforts to combat a threatened economic recession.

"When the Federal Reserve cut the target for the federal funds rate by three-quarters of a percentage point, the action was extraordinary in both the magnitude and the timing of the rate cut," said Frank Nothaft, chief economist at Freddie Mac.

Other types of mortgages also showed declines this week.

Rates on 15-year mortgages, a popular choice for refinancing, dropped to 4.95 percent this week, down from 5.21 percent last week.

Rates on five-year adjustable-rate mortgages declined to 5.13 percent, compared to 5.40 percent last week while rates on one-year ARMs fell to 4.99 percent, down from 5.26 percent last week. The mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points.

Thirty-year mortgages, 15-year mortgages and five-year adjustable-rate mortgages all carried a nationwide average fee of 0.4 point.

DEATH NOTICES

Marguerite Whitney
West Grove

Marguerite E. Whitney, 92, of West Grove, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, in Jennersville Regional Hospital, West Grove. She was born in Columbia, Tenn., on Oct. 1, 1915, the daughter of the late Herbert M. and Florence Pennington Elam. A gifted educator, she taught elementary students in Moon Township and Mather for over 20 years until her retirement. Mrs. Whitney had many interests, including gardening, reading and walking, but most of all was devoted to her Lord, her family and her countless friends. She is survived by her husband of over 67 years, the Rev. Gordon W. Whitney, former pastor of Olive Branch Baptist Church in Rostraver Township; four children, Margaret W. Mahood, of Wilmington, Del., Gordon W. Whitney Jr., of Laurel, Md., and John H.E. Whitney, of New York, N.Y., and Martha W. Rowe, of Raleigh, N.C.; 14 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one great-great- granddaughter. Friends will be received Monday, Jan. 28, from 1 to 2 p.m., the hour of the service in the Olive Branch Baptist Church, Rostraver Township, with the Rev. George Lammay officiating. Interment will follow in Olive Branch Cemetery, Rostraver Township. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to: The Abiding Memorial Fund of Olive Branch Baptist Church, 285 State Route 981, Belle Vernon, Pa. 15012. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934); www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

A. Hazel Weibl
Monessen

A. Hazel Weibl, 89, of Monessen, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, in Southwestern Nursing Center. She was born May 10, 1918, in Monessen, a daughter of the late Vasil and Mary Marchick Guzzie. She was a member of St. John the Divine Russian Orthodox Church of Monessen and its Ladies Altar Guild, serving as a former treasurer and vice president, and the church council, serving as a trustee. Surviving are two daughters, Geraldine "Gerri" Varsel, of Moon Township, and Stacy (Patsy) Maione, of Monessen; one son, Fred Weibl, of Winfield, W.Va.; eight grandchildren, Susan Azzarello, Bill Varsel, Nancy Plappert, Vincent Maione, Stacie Abbot, Natalie Shrader, Roslyn Payne and Edward Weibl; and 19 great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death was her husband, Edward Weibl; three brothers, George, John and William Guzzie; four sisters, Mary Mattie, Julia Koltash, Ann Affeltranger and Helen Berthinee; her daughter-in-law, Janice Weibl; two great-grandchildren, Armand Maione and Rachel Abbot; and one grandson-in-law, Jeff Abbot. Friends will be received at the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC., 1209 Grand Blvd., Monessen, a Golden Rule Funeral Home, on Sunday from 1 to 3 and 6 to 8 p.m. A Blessing Service will be held in the funeral home on Monday, Jan. 28, at 10:30 a.m., followed by funeral services at 11 a.m. in St. John the Divine Russian Orthodox. Interment will be in Belle Vernon Cemetery. A Parastas service will be held in the funeral home Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

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'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

One player wins 'Cash 5' prize

HARRISBURG – One player matched all five winning numbers drawn in Thursday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will collect a jackpot worth $200,000. Lottery officials said 126 players matched four numbers and won $334 each; 4,611 players matched three numbers and won $10 each; and 51,878 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

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DAY PICK BIG 4:	1-6-0-2
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	4-2-2-9
TREASURE HUNT:	5-6-7-14-16
MIX & MATCH:	18-16-13-8-19
CASH 5:	10-12-13-21-36

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

THURSDAY, JAN. 24

DAY PICK 3:	9-7-1
NIGHT PICK 3:	0-7-7
DAY PICK 4:	0-4-0-8
NIGHT PICK 4:	7-3-7-0
ROLLING CASH 5:	10-11-15-30-31

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS

THURSDAY, JAN. 24

DAILY 3:	7-0-4
DAILY 4:	2-2-9-2
CASH 25:	5-6-9-11-14-16

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OUR OPINION

Legal 'Services'

THE SCRIPT IS SO DOG-EARED IT'S become a pathetic cliche: A multimillion-dollar federal initiative premised on feel-good intentions comes under blistering scrutiny for reckless spending.

What legal authority do taxpayers call when government's Legal Services Corp. is accused of fiscal mismanagement? So-called "aid" for the poor included spending on booze, overdue bills and interest-free loans for staffers, according to federal investigators. And that's on top of many years of an even greater wrong, according to the National Legal and Policy Center – "flagrantly misus(ing) taxpayer dollars to pursue a liberal agenda at the expense of meeting the poor's true legal needs."

Among Legal Service's legacy in Pennsylvania? "Challenging welfare reform, keeping drug dealers in public housing and opposing legislative efforts to control soaring government spending," the ethics watchdog group reminded back in 1997.

Among 14 agencies flagged by the feds last week was Laurel Legal Services Inc., of Greensburg, budgeted at about $1.8 million. Investigators say the agency's $30,000 grant to the Westmoreland County Bar Association Foundation lacked supporting documentation.

Not so, says Laurel Legal's Executive Director Cynthia Sheehan. The money given to the bar association pays for lawyers to assist clients in civil disputes in Westmoreland and five other Southwestern Pennsylvania counties. She attributes the flap to "a great deal of confusion" by the feds. Indeed, "confusion" typically follows federal "philanthropy." That is why Laurel Legal and other legal-aid programs should raise and manage their own operating dollars instead of relying on the taxpayer teat.

Now, privately funded agencies aren't fraud-proof, either. But they have a far greater stake in integrity when they're responsible for raising their own cash instead of relying on Big Brother's "beneficence." And it requires no legal aid to argue the benefits of self-actualization.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Grand Forks Herald, North Dakota, on border security:

... Most motorists use a driver's license to get across the Canadian border. A few weeks ago, Congress delayed until mid-2009 a rule to require passports at the border, too. That law also left open the possibility that new high-security driver's licenses ultimately could substitute for passports, delivering convenience and cost-effectiveness to travelers as well as security to the government.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said he'd insist on an interim change starting Jan. 31: a rule to demand birth certificates as proof of citizenship as well as driver's licenses.

Reaction along the border was swift. "Now, the requirement that all must produce identification will worsen the already long lines and slow travel into the U.S. at a time when we should be encouraging Canadians to come to the U.S. and spend their Loonies," said Sarah Hubbard, vice president for government relations for the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., agreed: Homeland Security "still doesn't understand the practical effects of DHS policies on the everyday lives of border community residents," he said. ...

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Get a gun, and use it wisely

Charley **REESE**

The young lady recently murdered while hiking the southern tip of the Appalachian Trail might be alive today if she had tucked a pistol into her backpack or fanny pack. Yes, I know it's against the law to carry a pistol on the trail, but which would you prefer — breaking a bureaucratic rule or getting your brains knocked out and then being decapitated?

I'm afraid too many of us have spent our lives in an urban environment and have thus lost touch with the reality of the outdoors.

When you go into the woods by yourself, you leave not only your car behind, but the protection of the law. When you are by yourself, whether on an urban street or in a forest, and someone comes along with the intention of assaulting you, you are on your own. There is no help. Your choice is run or fight. And a fight is a physical thing, not an intellectual matter.

Of course, if you are as fit as Chuck Norris and have the martial-arts skills of Jet Li, then maybe you can survive without a pistol, although bringing a black belt to a gunfight is not going to do you much good.

Merely having a gun does not mean you will survive the encounter. The gun is an inanimate object, a tool. It can't think, it can't move, it can't aim itself, and it can't fire itself. You have to supply the brains.

These days, everyone would do well to add a pinch of paranoia to his otherwise sunny disposition and trusting nature. If you are in an isolated area, any stranger should be considered an enemy until proven differently. That doesn't mean you attack the stranger; it just means you watch him carefully and don't let him get too close to you or behind you.

For a gun/tool to be of any use, it has to be loaded and readily available at the time and place you need it. You can't very well say: "Uh, hold up there a moment, will you? I know I put that pistol somewhere."

A friend of mine who had lived in New York City all his life moved to Florida and went a little nuts when he discovered that any legal adult can buy a gun. He bought an arsenal. I reminded him one day that all his guns and ammunition stored at home wouldn't help him if someone jumped him in the parking lot.

I've never been a gun collector. To me, guns are just tools, and they have only three functions: recreational shooting, hunting and self-defense.

In a self-defense situation, you are going to need only one gun, and if you haven't protected yourself with your first two or three bullets, chances are you won't have need for the rest of them. I am not an advocate of the spray-and-pray school of shooting. The only bullets that count in a gunfight are those that hit the bad guy.

The best self-defense tactic is to avoid putting yourself in a position where you will need to shoot. The majority of violent crimes are committed in certain neighborhoods. You know where they are. Stay out of them.

Don't mope about looking vulnerable. Secure your home and secure your car. You don't have to be grim to be alert.

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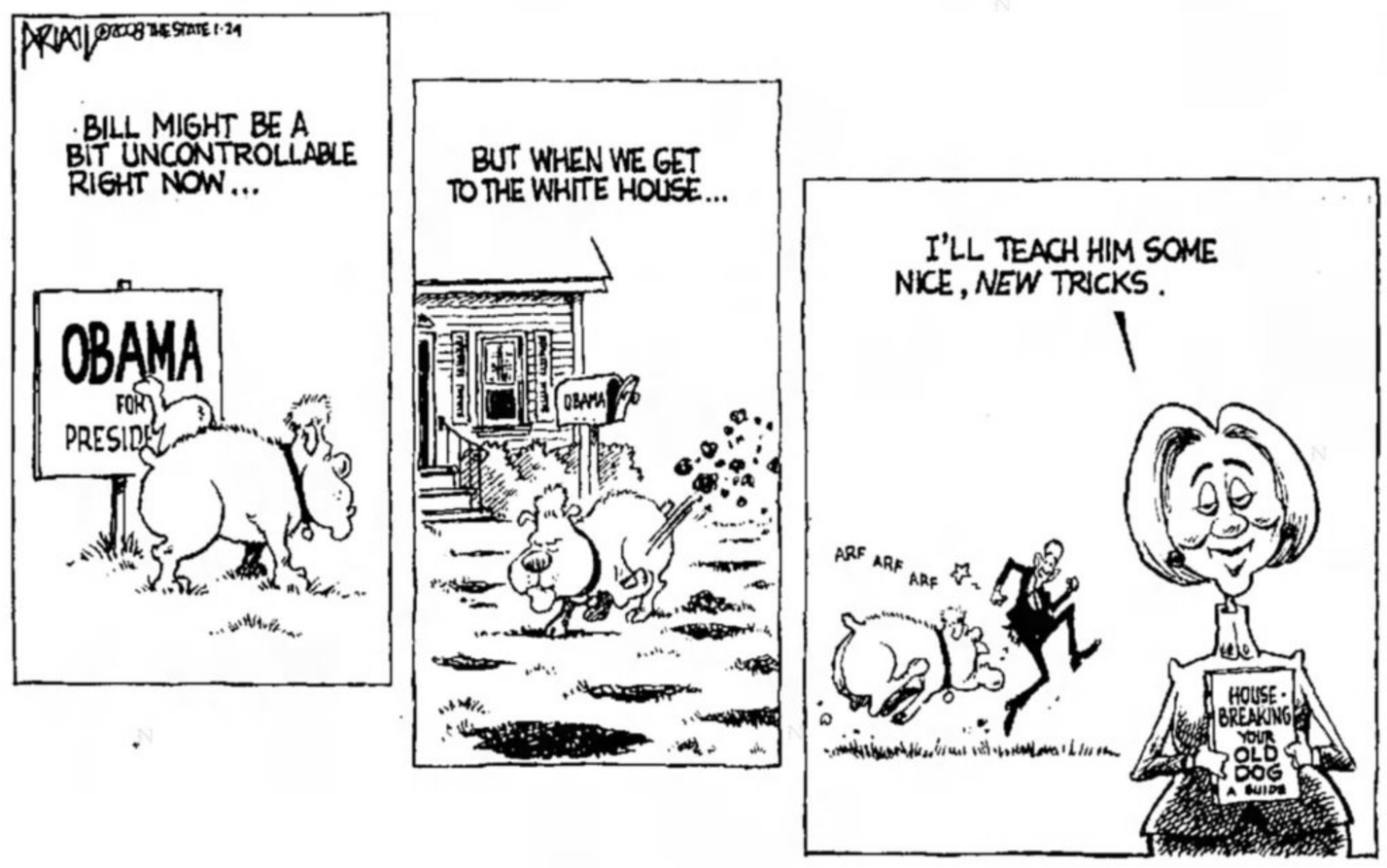
Two more points: Before you buy a gun for self-defense, make sure you are psychologically prepared to take a human life. That's not a minor thing. Death is irrevocable. There are always consequences. If you aren't prepared to deal with them, then you're better off buying pepper spray and a pair of running shoes.

Secondly, learn to use your gun. That means lots of practice. If an attack comes, it will come unexpectedly and suddenly, and you won't have time to fumble around wondering where the safety catch is. Always shoot to kill.

Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.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Good news from Taiwan

William **RUSHER**

The voters of Taiwan have just handed their friends and well-wishers in the United States a gratifying victory in their nation's parliamentary elections. It hasn't received much notice in the press here, but it deserves to be noted for the triumph it is.

Taiwan, which has been an independent nation since the communists seized China during World War II, was dominated from its inception in 1945 until 2000 by the Nationalist Party, or Kuomintang.

The Nationalists have never made any secret that their ambition is to reunite the island with mainland China when the latter has been purged of communism and is a free country again.

Their chief opponent is the Democratic Progressive Party, which elected Chen Shui-bian as president of Taiwan in 2000 and has since tended increasingly to favor Taiwan's independence — not only from Communist China, but from any successor government of China, however free.

This tendency has naturally infuriated Beijing, which, of course, prefers the Nationalists' policy of eventual reunion with the mainland, albeit a non-Communist mainland. More important, it squarely conflicts with American policy, which agrees with the Nationalists in favoring Taiwan's ultimate reunion with the mainland after the communists there have been overthrown.

To Washington, President Chen's policy of cautiously increasing Taiwan's separation from China simply aggravates Beijing to no purpose, since Taiwan is for all practical purposes entirely independent of the People's Republic of China and has our assurances that we will make sure, by military means if necessary, that it remains so.

Nevertheless, President Chen, seeking to benefit politically by encouraging separatist tendencies in Taiwan, has pursued a policy of increasing the political distance between Taipei and Beijing.

At the moment, for example, he is sponsoring a referendum, to be held in conjunction with the island's forthcoming presidential election on March 22, that would make it national policy to seek to join the United Nations under the name "Taiwan" rather than its formal name, which is "the Republic of China." Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has described this as a "provocative policy," which it surely is.

The Kuomintang, of course, bitterly opposes Chen's proposal. And that is why it is extremely noteworthy that, in the nationwide parliamentary elections just held, the voters of Taiwan gave a landslide victory to the Kuomintang, handing it nearly three-quarters of the seats in Parliament.

This drubbing foreshadows disaster for Chen's DPP in the elections of March 22, which will vote both on Chen's successor as president and on the referendum.

Recognizing the disaster that has already occurred as well as the one to come, Chen (whose second and final term as president is expiring) has resigned as party chairman to take responsibility for the defeat. The DPP's candidate to succeed him, Frank Hsieh, is expected to play down the issue. But if the Kuomintang defeats Hsieh and the referendum, and elects its candidate, Ma Ying-jeou, as Taiwan's new president, the United States will have a loyal and dependable friend in that key position.

The biggest winners, however, will be the people of Taiwan. They will continue to enjoy their de facto independence and the island's famous prosperity, without unnecessarily insulting their large and dangerous neighbor across the Strait of Formosa. And they will continue to have an indispensable friend and ally in the United States of America.

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Diary of a First Street Rambler

Young Rambler's heart turns to baseball

Ralph E. **STONE**

Saturday, April 10, 1948
Dear Diary,

Spring is in the air and baseball is in my head. I can't wait for the season to start 'cause I'll finally be on the Rambler's first team. Last year I was one of the stars for the Fifth Street Lions, but that was nothing in comparison to being a First Street Rambler.

We lose a lot of our good players this year 'cause they passed the 15-year-old age limit, but we got a lot of good new kids to take their place. The Husher twins and Vince Notourangelo are too old. We'll probably miss Jay Boy's pitching and old Vince chasing down fly balls in center field, but we got some good replacements that I'll tell you about later. We'll also miss Vo Vlasic's pitching and playing first base. Even though Vo's too old to play, he's still going to be our manager. Vo probably knows more about baseball than any of the Ramblers, so he'll make a good manager. Other guys we'll miss include Yuney Croussouloudis, Bobby Kerns and Andy Seftas. Another guy who played for us last year who won't be playing for us this year is Jack "Mushy" Moskola. Mush is still 15 years old, but Tony Mascetta talked him into playing for the Ozarks this year. We were depending on Mush to be our best pitcher since Jay Boy and Vo are too old, but he became a traitor just like Rab Currie & Benedict Arnold. Heck, it's bad enough he ain't pitching for us, but he has to go and pitch for our biggest rival, the darned Ozarks. We'll miss Mush, but I guess we're lucky, 'cause we have four pretty good pitchers. Jay Boy taught Half Pint Hayes to throw some curves and drops and pitches like that, so he should be pretty good. Jonesy is our "southpaw" pitcher. That means he's a lefty. I don't really know what the South has to do with being left-handed, but that's what they call them.

I wonder why they don't call right-handed pitchers "northpaws?"

Besides Halfy and Jonesy, we got these two new pitchers. One of them is a friend of Half Pint's and lives up on the hill. His name is John Lipinsky, but everyone just calls him "Lip." Lip has lots of "stuff" on his ball and he has good speed too. He should really help our team this year.

Another good pitcher we got is Joe Baluch. Joe doesn't live in Rambler territory, but Vo recruited him 'cause he has a steaming fast ball. Vo figures that if Tony Mascetta can go all over town picking up players for the Ozarks, then we can do the same thing for the Ramblers. We got a bunch of other new guys I'll tell you about in a minute, but first I want to tell you about the guys who are back from last year.

On first base we have Jerry Simmons. "Seemons" will be our best hitter and probably one of the best hitters in this league. I don't know how Seemons can hit so good, cause he wears these thick glasses and sometimes you might be right across the street from him and he don't even know who you are. But, guess what? He sure can see a baseball coming at him. Heads Pinasko will be our second best hitter, and he'll probably be our third baseman. At shortstop, we got Buzzy Simchak. Buzzy don't even live in Monessen. He lives out in the country in Rostraver Township, but he has an aunt, Mrs. Fordanich, who lives right across the street from me on Schoonmaker Avenue.

Every summer, Buzzy comes and stays with her, so he's been playing for the Ramblers since he was 12 years old. Buzzy can really scoop up the ground balls. I'll bet he's gonna be the best short stop in the league this year.

Speaking of scoop, we still have Clarence "Scoop" Hayes on our team, but ol' Scoop don't even care if he plays. He'd just rather keep score and keep all the records like batting averages for the other guys. The only other guys who live in Rambler territory are the Cupper brothers. All the other players come from different parts of town.

The kid who will be catching all our pitchers is Tommy "Kovie" Kovach. There are two Tom Kovach's in Monessen. One of them is in my class at school. He is a good pitcher and he plays for the McMahon Aces. The Kovie who plays for us is a year behind me in school and he is a catcher. Another way you can tell the two apart, is the McMahon Ace's Kovie's Dad owns a print shop, but our Kovie's Dad works in the mill and umpires baseball games all over the Valley. Last year, he took me and his son to Forbes Field for a Pirate and St. Louis Cardinals game, and guess what? Mr. Kovach knew Stan "The Man" Musial!

He took me and Kovie right down to the Cardinals' dugout and introduced us to Stan "The Man." Musial even shook my hand. When I got home, I didn't even want to wash my hand. Anyway, Kovie should be a real good catcher 'cause his dad teaches him all kinds of baseball secrets.

We also found a good replacement for Vince in center field. His name is Jack Shepler, and he can really fly. "Shep" is one of Half Pint's friends who lives up on the hill. We also got two kids from Morgan Avenue. That's in Smokey Hollow territory, but they didn't have enough guys for a team this year, so they asked Vo if they could play for us. One is Dom Vesio, who is in my grade, and the other is Walter Varega, who is a year behind me.

Walt will be another good outfielder and Dom can play either third base or in the outfield. Vo told me that I should be prepared to play anywhere, 'cause he might use me at different positions, depending on who is there and who is pitching.

The games won't start 'til school ends, but we are already practicing on Saturdays and after school at places like City Park and Luce Field. I guess you could say we are in spring training. I can't wait for the season to start.

Author's Notes:

Buzzy Simchak was indeed an outstanding fielding shortstop. Buzzy brought two of this Rostraver friends, Freddie Rousseau and Roger Nedrow, to some of our Rambler games.

They both made brief appearances in the Rambler lineup. Buzzy was a 1951 graduate of Rostraver, where he lettered in basketball and baseball. Years ago, he moved to the West Coast, I believe it was Oregon.

Kovie, our catcher, was a 1952 grad. He also lettered in baseball and basketball and is a brother-in-law to the legendary Monessen High School football coach, Joe Gladys.

I vividly remember the meeting his dad arranged for us with Stan "The Man." At that time, kids did not think much about autographed baseballs. I probably got his autograph on a slip of paper, which my mom threw out along with many of my other childhood treasures.

I haven't seen Lip Lipinsky in about 20 years. In our last meeting, we reminisced over those Rambler days. He told me then that he was California-bound. I believe that is where he still lives.

"Shep" Shepler, retired from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Southwest Railroad Co., and lives in Fairhope with his wife, the former Betty Ann Nolfi.

Dom Vescio is a fellow classmate of mine and we still get together at all the Class of 1951 reunions. He recently moved to Florida with his wife, the former Dolores "Bubbles" Diflorio.

Walter Varega still lives in Monessen. In addition to our Rambler connection, we also both have daughters – Tracy and Claudia – who reigned as homecoming queens at California University of Pennsylvania.

Jack "Mush" Moskola, the pitcher who betrayed the Ramblers, died several years ago. He married the former Lois Johnson. The Moskolas had several athletically talented children and grandchildren including a daughter, Melanie, who became the first in a line of many thousand-point scorers for the Monessen girls' basketball team.

"Vo" Vlasic kept his promise of playing me where he needed me. I believe I played every position but catcher, pitcher and shortstop that year.

Next Week: Shoe repairs.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Activities scheduled at local senior centers for next week include the following:

BROWNSVILLE

Monday – 10:30, games and socializing; 12:30, bingo.

Tuesday – 10, ceramics; 10:30, skat and socializing; 12:30, speaker on Healthy Heart; 1, bingo.

Wednesday – 10:30, games and socializing; 11:15, sit 'n fit; 11:45, wild pill drawing and lucky five drawing; 1, bowling and bingo.

Thursday – 10:30, skat and socializing; 12:30, cards and bingo.

Friday – 10, skat, pokeno and socializing; 1, bingo.

CENTER IN THE WOODS

Monday – 7:30, walking; 9, massage, beauty shop; 10, watercolor guild; 1, German Club, bridge/500, choir practice; 2, Zumba Gold.

Tuesday – 7:30, walking; 9, beauty shop, Silver Sneakers; 11, blood pressures, Travel Friends-Lion King, Health Steps in Motion (PEPPI); 1, bingo, bridge/500, dart ball, news and views.

Wednesday – 7:30, walking; 9, beauty shop; 10:30, Bible study; 1, bridge/500; 3, basket guild.

Thursday – 7:30, walking; 9, beauty shop, Silver Sneakers; 11, PEPPI; 1, bridge/500, bingo, advanced strings jam.

CENTER ON THE HILL

Monday – 10:30, bingo; 11, "Don't lose your marbles" trivia, canasta; 12:45, euchre; 6:30, evening pinochle.

Tuesday – 9:30, video exercise; 10:30, bingo; 11, crafts; 12:45, Site Council meeting; 2, massages; 7, evening euchre.

Wednesday – 10:30, bingo, Bible study.

Thursday – 8, beauty shop; 9:30, video exercise; 10:30, bingo; 11, writing life stories.

RIVERSIDE PLACE (CHARLEROI)

Monday – 9-11:30, seashell craft; 10, arthritis exercise; 11:30, daily bingo; 1, card party.

Tuesday – 10, fleece blanket making, computer class; 11:30, daily bingo.

Wednesday – 11, Silver Sneakers, 11:30, daily bingo; 1, big bingo.

Thursday – 10, arthritis exercise group; 11:30, daily bingo.

DONORA

Monday – 9, walking; 10, advanced line dancing; 11:45, bonus bingo; 1:30, bingo.

Tuesday – 9, walking; 10, exercise class; 11:45, bonus bingo; 1, card club, cards and pokeno.

Wednesday – 9, hairdresser, walking; 10, beginner's line dancing; 11:45, bonus bingo; 1:30, bingo.

Thursday – 9, hairdresser, walking; 10, fitness class; 11:45, bonus bingo; 1, cards and pokeno.

MONESSEN

Monday – 1, bingo; card games, including "65"/rummy/dominoes.

Tuesday – 10, crochet class; 1:45, sit 'n fit; card games, "65"/rummydominoes.

Wednesday – 10:30, Bible study with Jim; 12:30, bridge club; card games-"65"rummy/dominoes.

Thursday – 11, 500 card club; 11:45, sit 'n fit; card games, including-"65"/rummy/dominoes.

MONONGAHELA

Monday – 11, sing-along; 11:30, magic bingo; 1, cards.

Tuesday – 9, craft class; beauty shop by appointment; 10, blood pressures; 11:30, magic bingo; 1, cards, darts.

Wednesday – 10:45, dominos; 11:30, magic bingo, devotional; hairdresser by appointment; exercise group after lunch; 1, cards.

Thursday – 11:30, magic bingo; 1, cards; beauty shop by appointment; 7, evening social.

PERRYOPOLIS

Monday – 8, walking; 9, poker club, card club; 10, PEPPI exercises; 1, cards and table games, pickin 'n grinning; jigsaw puzzle assembly morning and afternoon.

Tuesday – 8, walking; 10, pinochle, sing-along; 1, pickin' 'n grinning; jig saw puzzle assembling morning and afternoon.

Wednesday – 8, walking; 9, big bingo; 9:30, bingo; jigsaw puzzle assembly morning and afternoon; 2, jam session.

Thursday – 8, beauty shop, walking; 9, ceramics; 10, PEPPI exercise; jigsaw puzzle assembly morning and afternoon.

Senior center menus

Lunch menus for local senior citizen centers for next week include:

Center in the Woods, Center on the Hill, Charleroi, Donora, Monongahela, Perryopolis

Monday – Salisbury steak
Tuesday – turkey/Swiss sandwich
Wednesday – baked ham
Thursday – beef ravioli
Friday – cheese steak sandwich

Monessen, West Newton

Monday – sloppy joe
Tuesday – turkey salad
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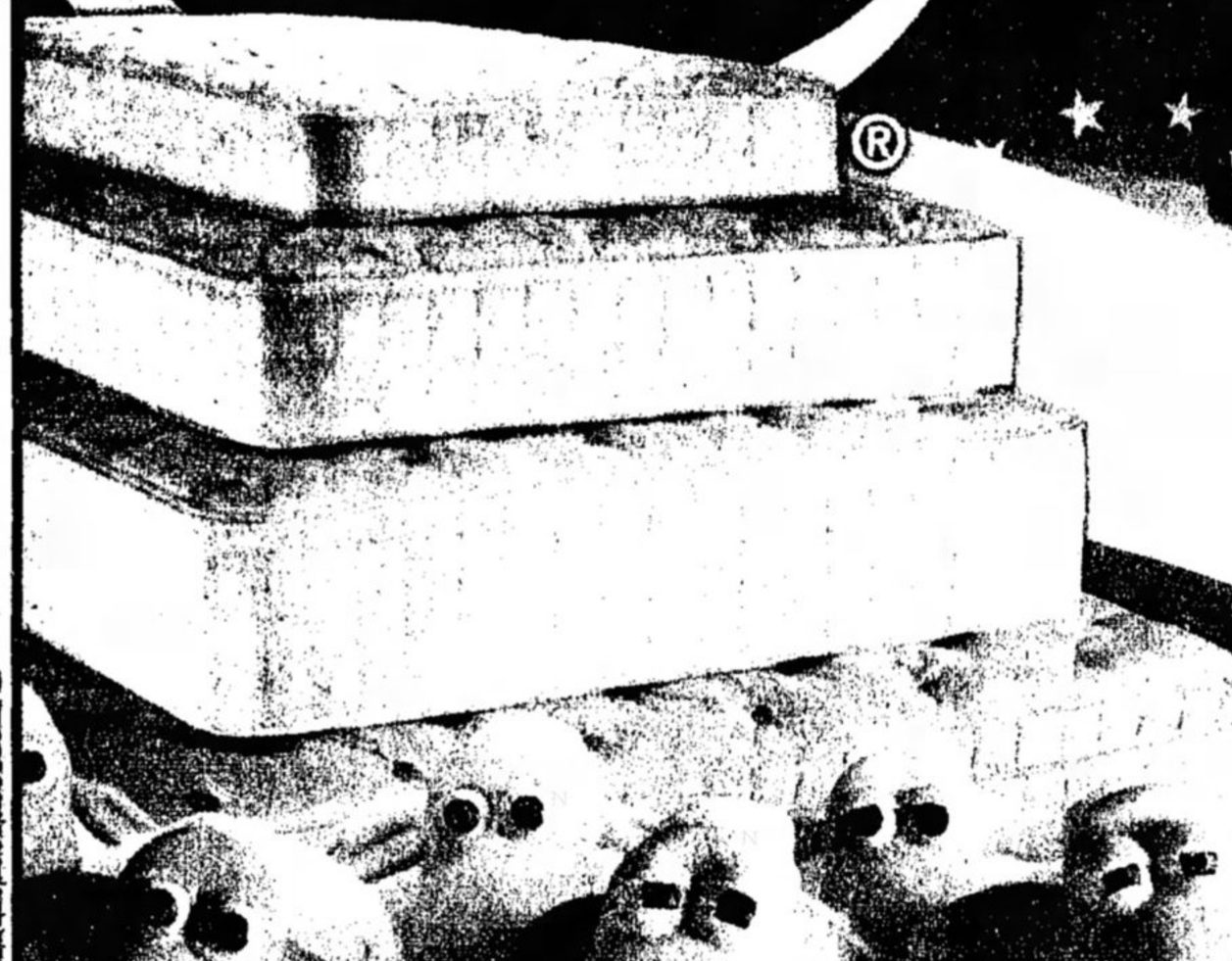

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Valley SPORTS

Trying to replace Sid

Columnist Jim Litke wonders who will step to the front in the NHL All-Star Game without Sidney Crosby. 2B

Tiger in the hunt

Tiger Woods, in his first event of the year, is just two strokes out of the lead after one round of the Buick Invitational. 2B

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Who ran for the first touchdown in Super Bowl history? 2B

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Buffalo 2, Dallas 1

Chukwuedo has a 'grand' night

Monessen guard reaches plateau during 70-24 romp over Frazier.

By The Valley Independent

Thursday's Class A Section 3 girls' basketball game at Perryopolis between Monessen and Frazier had all the makings of a classic rematch.

There was Monessen with a perfect 19-0 record and Frazier at the other end of the spectrum with an 0-20 record.

A classic mismatch it was.

With senior Christina Chukwuedo pouring in a career-high 33 points, Monessen rolled to a 70-24 victory.

Needing six points against the Lady Commodores, Chukwuedo also went over the 1,000 career mark which started with her playing as a sophomore in Texas.

Chukwuedo had 13 points in the first quarter as she got the milestone out of the way early.

Monessen, which walloped the Lady Commodores, 87-8, in the first meeting, coasted after taking a 22-4 first quarter lead.

Laurissa Ellis was high for Frazier (0-21, 0-9) with 14 points.

The Lady Greyhounds are now three games away from the first unbeaten regular season in the school's history.

Monessen closes with home games against Trinity Saturday, Avella Monday and Wilkinsburg Friday.

RINGGOLD POUNDED

Co-leading Ringgold bounced back from its lone Class AAA Section 4 loss at Chartiers Valley with a 71-39 romp over visiting McGuffey.

Emily Schartner and Alina Selby both scored 17 points for the Lady Rams (15-5, 7-1).

Schartner (11) and Selby (10) combined for 21 points in the first half to outscore the Lady Highlanders as Ringgold led 39-18 after 16 minutes.

Schartner didn't miss a shot, hitting five of five from the floor and all six of her free throws. She also had seven assists.

Selby made all seven of her shots from the floor.

Tabitha Leach added 10 points for the Lady Rams, going five for five.

Jennie Affinito dished out six assists.

Ringgold resumes Saturday at Section 5 leading West Mifflin (17-3) in a 2:30 p.m. contest.

CHARLEROI IN ROUT

Charleroi climbed into third place in Class AA Section 5 with a 64-34 victory over Brownsville to drop the losers to fourth place,

Maykayla Neff poured in 22 points for the Lady Cougars (11-10, 6-4), who avenged a 79-47 defeat.

Charleroi, which is riding a sesonbet four game winning streak, broke open a 14-11 game by outcoring the Lady Falcons, 38-14, in the next 16 minutes.

Aly Lee added 11 points for the Lady Cougars with teammate Haley Shannon grabbing 11 rebounds.

Emily Lucosh looked best for Brownsville (14-8, 6-5) with 13 points.

Charleroi's next game is Monday at Chartiers-Houston.

Monessen's Christina Chukwuedo is presented the game ball by coach Major Corley after scoring her 1,000th point.

BENTWORTH STAYS ALIVE

In another Section 5 contest, Bentworth kept its playoff hopes alive with a 46-39 win over Chartiers-Houston to avenge a 37-34 loss.

Laurel Marshalek had 10 points and 12 rebounds for the Lady Bearcats (11-9, 5-5), who spotted the Lady Bucs a 10-4 lead before takong a 29-25 advantahge into the final period.

Brittany Speed was high for Bentworth with 11 points.

Bentworth goes to Washington

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Brian **HERMAN**

Another big rivalry down drain

The Charleroi-Monessen football rivalry wasn't the only one to go down the drain this week because of WPIAL realignment.

So did one of the area's hottest soccer rivalries.

Belle Vernon Area and Elizabeth Forward's girls, which battled for the Class AAA Section 6 title the last three years, have been split up.

Elizabeth Forward, which handed the Lady Leps' one of their two section defeats over the last three years (Ringgold was the other), was placed in Section 5 with Ringgold, Canon McMillan, Mt. Lebanon, Trinity and West Mifflin.

BVA coach Paul Sasko wasn't happy with the news.

"I'm totally surprised and very disappointed," said Sasko, whose club is coming off successive 14-0 showings in the section. "Two years ago they took Ringgold out and now Elizabeth.

"We like to play local rivals," he added. "It's disappointing that the WPIAL is taking the top competition out of our section . Our section didn't get stronger."

Replacing the Warriors, who finished second the last two years, is Southmoreland with Yough, Albert Gallatin, Connellsville, Laurel Highlands, Uniontown and Waynesburg rounding out the field.

Meanwhile, Charleroi and Monessen's girls also got split up in soccer.

The Lady Cougars were moved from Class AA Section 6 to Section 1 with Bentworth, Beth-Center, Chartiers Houston, McGuffey, South Fayette and South Park.

Monessen will have two new Section 6 rivals with Geibel and St. Joseph joining holdovers East Allegheny, Greensburg Central Catholic, Jeannette and Mt. Pleasant.

In boys' soccer, Belle Vernon Area and Yough were moved from Class AA Section 1 to Section 3 as was Southmoreland with Elizabeth Forward, South Park, Thomas Jefferson, Steel Valley and Uniontown, which dropped down from Class AAA.

The lone change in Ringgold's Class AAAA Section 5 was Chartiers Valley dropping down to Class AA. The Rams' section rivals are Peters Township, Upper St. Clair, Moon, Trinity and Canon-McMillan.

Charleroi and Monessen have a pair of new Class A foes in Brentwood and Carlynton with holdovers Bentworth, Beth-Center and Chartiers-Houston.

After playing as a co-op the last two years, California and Brownsville will field their own teams and be joined in Class A Section 1 by Geibel, Greensburg Central Catholic, Serra, South Allegheny, Trinity Christian and Winchester Thurston.

Meanwhile in girls' volleyball, Ringgold was moved into Class AAA Section 2 with Peters Township and Upper St. Clair joining holdovers Albert Gallatin, Canon-McMillan, Connellsville and Trinity.

Belle Vernon Area, Charleroi and Yough are in Class AA Section 4 with Derry, Indiana and Southmoreland.

And thanks to John Kukrak of Monessen who says the best way to save face is to keep the lower part closed!

Flyers too physical for Pens

Philly wins, 4-3, to stay perfect against Pittsburgh this season.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Steve Downie was the first of five Flyers suspended this season for vicious blows that earned them comparisons to the ol' "Broad Street Bullies." They were called dirty and put on notice by the league that one more infraction would result in stiff penalties.

Wow, how the season's changed for Philadelphia.

Now the first-place Flyers are the ones labeling a hit dangerous and deliberate — this one against Downie — and calling for a suspension.

Mike Knuble and Jim Vandermeer scored third-period goals to lift the Flyers to a 4-3 win over the Penguins on Thursday, their fourth win this season against their division rivals.

The Flyers are tied with New Jersey (59 points) for first in the Atlantic Division a year after they ended with the worst record in the NHL.

"That was a goal of ours all year," said R.J. Umberger. "It's a crucial time now."

Evgeni Malkin scored his 27th goal for the Penguins in their first game since they learned reigning MVP Sidney Crosby will miss six to eight weeks with a high ankle sprain.

Downie, a rookie forward, and Penguins forward Georges Laraque each got game misconducts. Laraque earned his for drilling Downie from behind head first into the board late in the second period. Downie, who earned a 20-game suspension in September for a hit to the head, was tossed in the third for fighting moments after Knuble put the Flyers up 4-3.

Flyers coach John Stevens said Laraque met the league-mandated criteria for a suspension since the head was intentionally targeted.

"He knew what he was doing," Stevens said. "That's an extremely dangerous play and the league has obviously dealt with this enough this year that they know what they are doing."

Pittsburgh's Georges Laraque takes down Riley Cote in a first-period fight.

Umberger and Randy Jones also scored for the Flyers.

Petr Sykora and Ryan Whitney each scored for the Penguins.

The last game between the Pens and Flyers in Philly back in December saw a flurry of fights that sent both coaches into a postgame snit.

This one turned testy late in the second when Laraque slammed Downie into the corner. Downie, known for his hot temper, was lying on his back for a few minutes.

Downie said he saw Laraque coming right before the cross-check.

"I tried to reverse the puck and I got caught going in straight ahead," Downie said. "He connected on me. I knew he was there and I went to reverse, peel out of the way and before I could do it, I was hit."

Laraque earned a five-minute major for checking from behind and a game misconduct. There was a skirmish in the corner while Downie was checked on and the crowd frothed for retaliation.

"It almost looked like he dove," Laraque said. "He was laughing after it. Obviously, you know he was OK if he fought in the third. It was nothing intended, it wasn't even a hit. I pushed him."

Riley Cote tried to even the score after the faceoff with 2.6 seconds left and was whistled for a 10-minute misconduct for going after Ryan Malone.

"George doesn't have a reputation to be a dirty player," Penguins coach Michael Therrien said. "There's a fine line between finishing off a check and guys on the offense turned around, a fine line. So I'm not going to comment on it."

Vandermeer took advantage of the power play early in the third and slapped home his third goal of the season from just past the blue line, stunning goalie Ty Conklin.

The Penguins came right back only 58 seconds later and tied the score when Whitney crashed the net for a short-handed goal with teammate Jordan Staal in the crease and the net sliding back. The play was reviewed and the goal stood.

The fans barely had time to finish booing when Knuble poked in the puck 34 seconds later for his 16th goal and a 4-3 lead.

"Knuble was the only one who saw where it was and took a whack at it," Conklin said. "They certainly went hard to the net, especially on the game winning goal."

Brady no-show for media after Pats' practice

Star quarterback not available to talk about mysterious foot injury.

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Tom Brady was nowhere to be found by reporters and cameraman waiting eagerly for the star quarterback, with or without his famous boot.

His teammates are certain where to find him on Feb. 3 — on a Super Bowl field for the fourth time in his career and leading his heavily favored New England Patriots against the New York Giants.

"I know he'll be ready to play. He always is," running back Heath Evans said Thursday. "He looks fine to me."

On Monday, Brady was photographed in Manhattan with a walking boot on his right foot, a protective device he had removed before going to a club that night with his girlfriend Gisele Bundchen. The much-publicized boot didn't turn up in any pictures or video taken of him Tuesday by celebrity chasers.

Yet it gained celebrity status itself.

"Well, considering the fact that he always has cameras in his face, I guess it was only a matter of time," Evans said of the superstar who squires a supermodel around New York City.

The fact he walked with the boot with only a slight limp that wasn't evident later was a sign that his injury wasn't serious. It turned out to be a minor high ankle sprain, according to published reports.

The NFL MVP apparently sustained it in Sunday's 21-12 win over the San Diego Chargers in the AFC championship game. He had two weeks for it to heal before the Super Bowl.

"I don't foresee him not being in this game," defensive end Richard Seymour said.

Brady has been in the Patriots' past 126 games, the third-longest current starting streak among active quarterbacks behind Brett Favre and Peyton Manning.

Teammates praise his dedication in the weight room that helps him remain durable.

"He puts in the work to be one of the elite players because when Tom first got here, he was a slim, skinny kid," Seymour said, "and now you kind of look at him and he has legs, chest.

"He's in there doing Olympic lifts and working out in the offseason just like he was an offensive or defensive lineman. He's a part of us and that's the way he carries himself."

Federer loses in Aussie semis

Novak Djokovic halts top player's bid for third-straight crown in Australian Open.

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Top-ranked Roger Federer's streak of 10 straight Grand Slam finals came to an abrupt end today when he lost to No. 3 Novak Djokovic 7-5, 6-3, 7-6 (5) in the Australian Open semifinals.

Federer, who had been seeking his third consecutive title here, didn't look like the same player who has won 13 majors. The emotional Djokovic had a lot to do with that, hitting 13 aces and 50 winners, largely avoiding the nerves that have occasionally troubled him.

He will face unseeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, who beat No. 2 Rafael Nadal Thursday in the semifinals, in Sunday's final.

"I am just very amazed I coped with the pressure today," Djokovic said. "In the most important moments, I played my best tennis."

In the women's final Saturday another Serbian, fourth-seeded Ana Ivanovic, will meet No. 5 Maria Sharapova.

Other than a twitchy third-round victory over Janko Tipsarevic that went to 10-8 in the fifth set, Federer has been in good form after a stomach ailment interrupted his pre-tournament preparations. He dominated James Blake in the quarterfinals and appeared to be peaking at the right time.

Instead, he fell in his first straight-sets loss in a Grand Slam tournament since a third-round loss at the 2004 French Open.

"I think he made the more important points today, it was a bit unfortunate for me," Federer said. "It depends a lot on day form, you can't always play your best. There is no doubt I have played better before.

"I've created a monster that I need to win every tournament — still the semifinals isn't bad."

Despite a 1-5 record against Federer that included a loss in the U.S. Open final in September, Djokovic was far from intimidated on a muggy night in a packed Rod Laver Arena, even after getting broken in the first set.

Federer, who is usually at his best as the pressure builds toward the end of a set, pulled ahead at 5-3 only to be stunned as Djokovic ran off the last four games, with the Swiss star hitting backhands long on the last two points of the set.

Federer grimaced or hung his head as his groundstrokes and feathery drop shots lacked their usual punch and accuracy, or deserted him entirely.

Djokovic broke him to pull ahead at 3-1 in the second set. He finished off the game by getting to a drop shot on the dead run and flicking a backhand past Federer that kissed the line. Djokovic roared and raised his fist, then repeatedly pounded his chest.

He broke again to pull ahead at 5-1. Serving for the set, Djokovic looked a little tight, and Federer took advantage to break. When he held to make it 5-3, the divided crowd erupted into dueling chants of "Let's go Roger, let's go" and "No-vak, No-vak."

Federer forced deuce as Djokovic served again for the set.

Known for his tendency to bounce the ball up to two dozen times before serving, the Serbian got a time delay warning. Instead of being shaken, Djokovic was fired up. He ripped a forehand winner and glared up at chair umpire Pascal Maria of France, then

Roger Federer

blasted an ace and stared defiantly at Maria again.

The two men combined to fend off seven break points early in the third set. Federer had two chances to break as Djokovic served at 5-6, but the Serbian refused to crack, hitting two great serves, then getting to a drop for a forehand crosscourt winner to force a tiebreaker.

From 3-3, the two players combined for five straight winners, the last a good serve by Djokovic that set up match point. Federer netted a forehand to finish it in 2 hours and 48 minutes.

The crowd gave Federer a standing ovation as he quickly left the court.

NHL star game will miss Crosby

Who will grab the spotlight in his absence?

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Columnist

Hockey's midseason showcase can't catch a break.

The challenge last year was just finding the NHL All-Star game on TV. That was no easy chore once league officials exiled it to midweek on a network better known for covering the Tour de France, hunting, fishing and martial arts.

This time, the game is back in a familiar Sunday slot, and even casual followers of hockey have learned to dial up Versus on their remotes. Finding a player to light it up might prove an even taller order.

Pittsburgh phenom Sidney Crosby was generating plenty of buzz and positioning himself to become hockey's Tiger Woods. But the 20-year-old won't be on the ice when the puck drops, stuck rehabbing a high ankle sprain that will sideline the league's reigning scoring champion and MVP for six to eight weeks.

Making matters worse, goalies Roberto Luongo of Vancouver and Martin Brodeur of New Jersey, plus Detroit winger Henrik Zetterberg — all voted in by fans — will miss the game, too. As will four others selected by league officials and general managers.

"It's a physical game, these things happen," commissioner Gary Bettman said Thursday in a telephone interview from New York. "The good news is that it usually happens that someone else steps up and makes the difference."

Like Woods, Crosby's value to his sport can't be overstated. The NHL's ratings are up this season — average viewership is around 262,000 per game, compared with 196,000 last season. It's encouraging enough that Versus recently

Sidney Crosby

exercised its option to carry league games through the 2010-11 season.

The numbers don't lend themselves to easily calculating a "Tiger effect," but anecdotal evidence abounds.

The jersey he wore during the second period of the Winter Classic, the outdoor game played New Year's Day in Buffalo before 71,000 snow-covered fans to rave reviews, just fetched $45,000 at auction. The No. 87 Crosby jersey on the block as part of the league's "Hockey Fights Cancer" campaign hit $14,107.87 by midday Thursday — nearly double the $7,520 being offered for the sweater of Washington Capitals Alexander Ovechkin.

Speaking of him, Ovechkin would be the logical candidate to grab Crosby's starring role. After all, the two joined the NHL together, with the Russian taking rookie honors and their budding rivalry marketed as hockey's version of Bird vs. Magic.

But Bettman wasn't about to be pinned down on that one.

"With so much talent on the ice, seeing who grabs the spotlight is most of the fun at All-Star games," he said.

"Remember Ray Bourque in Boston, or Mario Lemieux in Pittsburgh, or Owen Nolan in San Jose," he said. "We've been lucky that way."

That means you, Ilya Kovalchuk, and you, Marian Hossa. And really, how cool would it be if one or both hometown wingers wound up filling Crosby's skates and rewarding the Thrashers' long-suffering fans?

Woods lurking in '08 Tour debut

Tiger trails by two strokes; not pleased.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The score would suggest nothing has changed since Tiger Woods last played the PGA Tour four months ago.

On the South Course at Torrey Pines, which stretches 7,569 yards and played every bit of that length in the chilly, coastal air along the Pacific Ocean, the world's No. 1 player picked off enough birdies to put his name near the top of the leaderboard and finished with a 5-under 67 on the tougher of the two courses at the Buick Invitational.

Noting that the U.S. Open will be held at Torrey Pines in June, one caddie watched Woods complete his round and remarked, "He might have just won two tournaments with one round."

Woods was far from pleased, however.

And he wasn't even in the lead. That belonged to Troy Matteson, who was two shots better than Woods on the South Course with a 65, making him the first player since 2000 to be atop the leaderboard after one round while playing the South.

"I won't top that for a while," Matteson said.

Separating them was Brad Adamonis, who shot a 66 on the North, which is where low scores usually are shot. The North is 600 yards shorter with minimal rough, and it played 2 1/2 strokes easier Thursday in the first round.

The attention thrust on Woods is that he has won the Buick Invitational five times, including the last three years. And he piled on the pressure of having a historic year by saying the Grand Slam is "easily within reason."

What surprised Woods is how he arrived at this 67.

His opening tee shot of his 2008 season sailed into a bunker. Another shot left him stymied behind a tree. Yet another was so far left that it cleared the cart path, and Woods had to hook his second shot so severely on the par-5 sixth that he started it out toward the right rough and ended up in the left rough.

All those led to par.

The times he managed to find the fairway, such as No. 4, led to birdie. Two more came on par 3s, and he only played the four par 5s in a 1 under par. But there he was, two shots out of the lead, already getting everyone's attention.

"It wasn't pretty off the tee, but I hung in there," Woods said. "Shooting 67 is always going to feel pretty good on the South Course."

Imagine how it felt for Matteson.

He ran off five birdies in a six-hole stretch on the back nine, then finished his round with consecutive birdies to become the first player since Davis Love III in 2000 to have the first-round lead while playing the South. Before that, it was in 1991 when someone starting on the South was in the lead after the first round.

"It's typically a golf course where most guys are just thinking, 'If I can shoot even, 1-under, 2-under and then go to the North Course and really make up my numbers there,' that's kind of your tournament. Guys can shoot 8-, 9-, 10-under on the North Course and then shoot 6-under for the week. So we're looking forward to going to that North Course after playing this one."

Rory Sabbatini, Stuart Appleby and Kevin Streelman, who began the day as the third alternate, were in the group at 67 with Woods. They all played on the North, which is where Matteson and Woods play today.

Phil Mickelson opened his season with a 70 on the North.

Matteson was 11 shots better than his last trip around the South Course. That was the final round a year ago, when he played alongside Woods and watched the world's No. 1 player turn an ordinary round into a winner.

Iverson draws NBA All-Star starting position

NEW YORK (AP) — With a late rally, Allen Iverson is an All-Star starter again.

Iverson surged from behind in the fan voting to earn a starting spot in next month's game when the vote totals were released Thursday night. Denver Nuggets teammate Carmelo Anthony will join him in New Orleans after earning his first starting nod.

Lakers star Kobe Bryant will team with Iverson in the Western Conference backcourt. Houston center Yao Ming was voted in by the fans for the sixth straight season at center, while San Antonio's Tim Duncan was chosen as the other forward. He has been selected to every All-Star game since entering the league in 1997.

Boston's Kevin Garnett, the MVP of the 2003 game, was the leading vote-getter with 2,399,148 votes. He will be joined in the East frontcourt by Cleveland forward LeBron James and Orlando center Dwight Howard, a first-time starter. Miami's Dwyane Wade and New Jersey guard Jason Kidd round out the starting lineup.

Iverson rallied to pass Houston's Tracy McGrady in the final weeks of voting to earn his first start since moving to the Western Conference early last season. He started seven straight All-Star games while playing for Philadelphia, but fell short last year after the 76ers dealt him to the Nuggets in December 2006.

The two-time MVP of the All-Star game beat McGrady by 10,410 votes and will make his ninth appearance on Feb. 17 in New Orleans.

"It's a good feeling. I think it's a tribute to my teammates and coaching staff because without those guys none of that would be possible," Iverson said in a statement. "But most of all I just want to thank the fans for appreciating what I go out and do on the court night in and night out. It's just a great feeling and an honor, and I'm just looking forward to trying to play the best that I can play for the fans."

SPORTS DIGEST

BVA swimmers sweep past TJ

Belle Vernon Area's swim teams swept Thomas Jefferson Thursday.

The Leps were an 81-65 winner with the Lady Leps taking a 93-72 decision.

Brendan Lacey (200 and 500 freestyle), Zachary Wardle (50 and 100 freestyle), Andre Maldonado (200 individual medley) and Aaron Miku la (100 butterfly) took first as did the 200 medley relay team of Cory Wyke, Adam Hamill, Mikula and Jay Lewis and the 200 freestyle relay team of Maldonado, Lewis, Wardle and Lacey.

Winning for the Lady Leps were Megan Russell (200 individual medley and 100 breaststroke), Courtnee Basista (500 freestyle and 100 backstroke), Mary Wardle (50 freestyle), Sydney Rusak (100 freestyle), the 200 medley relay team of Basista, Russell, Rusak and Emalee Tunney and the 200 freestyle relay team of Tunney, Russell, Ashley Bronakowski and Wardle.

Ringgold wrestlers to Canon-McMillan

Ringgold High's wrestlers will go to Canon-McMillan Tuesday in the WPIAL Class AAA Team Tournment.

The Rams (13-5) will face the Big Macs (13-5) at 6 p.m. with the winner facing the Bethel Park-Albert Gallatin winner at 8 p.m. in the quarterfinals.

The semifinals are scheduled Thursday with the finals Saturday, Feb. 2 at Gateway.

BV Area cagers top Waynesburg

Jake Burritt (16) and Ian Dobbins (14) combined for 30 points as Belle Vernon Area Middle School's basketball team downed Wanesburg, 44-29, to lift its record to 15-3.

The Little Leps resume Wednesday at home against Laurel Highlands.

Monessen cagers down Frazier

Monessen Junior High's basketball team upped its record to 12-3 with a 62-33 romp over Frazier.

Cam Johnson (12) and Jeff Francia (10) combined for 22 points for the Little Greyhouds, who visit Trinity today.

California cagers clip Carmichaels

The trio of T.D. Conway (11), Brian Fisher (10) and Jason Irwin (10) combined for 31 points as California Middle School's basketball team downed Carmichaels, 50-35, for its 16th win in 17 games.

Serra skaters blank Westmont Hilltop

Serra Catholic's hockey team blanked Westmont Hilltop, 10-0, in Johnstown to up its record to 13-2-1.

Josh Werner (three goals and assist) and Mike Puskar (two goals and two assists. Both scored four points with Tyler Urder and Jarrett Richka each adding a pair of goals.

Goalie Steve Derewonko picked up third straight shutout.

Ringgold youth night scheduled

Ringgold's Class AAA Section 4 home game with McGuffey today has been designated as Ringgold School District Youth Night.

All travelling league players who wear their team jerseys will be admitted free.

Tied for third place in the section with South Park, Rnggold owns a 56-47 win at McGuffey.

Soccer signups in Monongahela

The Monongahela Yough Soccer Association will hold a spring registration Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Monongahela Fire Hall.

The cost is $30 and new players must bring a copy of their birth certificate.

Age groups include Under-6, Under-8, Under-10 In-House and Under-10, Under 11 and Under-12 travel players with a birth date between Aug. 1, 1994 and July 31, 2002.

No registrations will be accepted after Feb. 20.

Those with questions should call Mark Curry (412-897-0688).

Baseball, softball signups scheduled

Charleroi-Fallowfield baseball and softball registrations will be held the next two Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Charleroi Fire Department .

New players must submit a copy of their birth certificate.

There's a $50 registration fee and a $50 refundable uniform deposit for pony and colt.

Trivia answer

Green Bay's Jim Taylor.

Jackson high in Robert Morris win

Monessen's A.J. Jackson scored 18 points to top all scorers in Robert Morris' 84-73 win over Central Connecticut State.

Jimmy Langhurst and Jeremy Chappell each added15 points and Bateko Francisco chipped in with 11 to help Robert Morris (14-6, 5-2 Northeast Conference) end the Blue Devils' five-game winning streak.

Central Connecticut (9-11, 5-4) led 15-12 early in the first half, but the Colonials soon tied it at 15 and never fell behind.

The Colonials led 45-31 at the half and had a 19-point lead early in the second half. Central Connecticut never trailed by less than 8 points in the second half.

Pirates sign veteran pitchers

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Pirates signed right-hander Hector Carrasco and left-hander Casey Fossum to minor league contracts on Thursday and invited them to spring training.

The Pirates have 67 players lined up for the start of camp next month in Bradenton, Fla.

The 39-year-old Carrasco has a 44-50 record and a 3.99 ERA in 647 major league games with seven teams. He was with the Angels most of the last two seasons, going 7-3 with a 3.41 ERA in 56 games in 2006 and 2-1 with a 6.57 ERA in 29 games last season before being released July 11.

Fossum was 5-8 with a 7.70 ERA in 40 games with Tampa Bay last season before being let go Aug. 10. He is 37-52 with a 5.46 ERA for Boston, Arizona and Tampa Bay since 2001.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Belle Vernon Area upped its school record winning streak to 14 with a 62-53 win at Uniontown behind Tom Parks' 17 points.

George Bandao scored 23 points in Ringgold's 89-52 victory over Brownsville.

Robbie Uhlman scored 25 points in Charleroi's 75-74 overtime loss at Connellsville.

Former Pittsburgh Steeler quarterback Joe Gilliam was bound over to a grand jury on robbery and marijuana possession charges.

20 Years Ago

Mike Gottfried said he wasn't interested in the vacant Green Bay Packers' job snd would remain at Pitt where he had a 13-9-1 record intwo seasons.

10 Years Ago

Denver won the Super Bowl with a 31-24 win over Green Bay with Terell Davis running for 157 yards and three touchdowns.

SPORTS

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	28	18	3	59	125	115
Philadelphia	27	16	5	59	160	138
Pittsburgh	27	18	4	58	143	133
N.Y. Islanders	24	20	6	54	124	141
N.Y. Rangers	24	21	6	54	124	129

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	31	15	4	66	174	145
Montreal	26	15	8	60	154	136
Boston	25	19	5	55	129	133
Buffalo	21	21	6	48	142	139
Toronto	20	23	8	48	142	164

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	24	24	4	52	158	170
Washington	23	22	5	51	147	156
Atlanta	23	25	4	50	141	175
Florida	22	24	5	49	130	147
Tampa Bay	20	25	5	45	145	168

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	37	10	4	78	174	110
Columbus	25	20	6	56	128	126
Nashville	25	20	5	55	146	138
St. Louis	22	19	7	51	123	136
Chicago	23	23	4	50	139	143

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	28	19	3	59	138	138
Calgary	25	17	8	58	146	143
Vancouver	26	19	5	57	131	121
Colorado	26	20	4	56	138	138
Edmonton	23	24	5	51	140	158

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	28	20	5	61	154	138
San Jose	27	15	7	61	129	119
Anaheim	27	20	6	60	135	137
Phoenix	26	21	2	54	135	134
Los Angeles	20	29	2	42	143	169

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Thursday's Games

Boston 4, N.Y. Islanders 1
Montreal 4, New Jersey 3
Washington 2, Toronto 1
Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 3
Ottawa 8, Tampa Bay 4
Edmonton 4, Florida 3, SO
N.Y. Rangers 2, Atlanta 1, SO
Buffalo 2, Dallas 1
Columbus 1, Chicago 0
Minnesota 3, Colorado 2
Phoenix 4, Nashville 3, OT
San Jose 4, St. Louis 1
Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 1

Today Games

No games scheduled

Saturday's Games

No games scheduled

Sunday's Game

All-Star Game at Atlanta, 6 p.m.

Pens summary

Pittsburgh	1	1	1 - 3
Philadelphia	1	1	2 - 4

First Period—1, Philadelphia, Umberger 9 (Smith, Briere), 9:34. 2, Pittsburgh, Malkin 27 (Ruutu, Sydor), 16:37. Penalties—Laraque, Pit, major (fighting), 2:19; Cote, Phi, major (fighting), 2:19; Orpik, Pit (slashing), 5:44; Timonen, Phi (holding), 19:22; Malone, Pit (goalie interference), 19:56.

Second Period—3, Philadelphia, Jones 3 (Hartnell, Umberger), 12:59. 4, Pittsburgh, Sykora 15 (Gonchar, Whitney), 17:54 (pp). Penalties—Ruutu, Pit (holding), 2:24; Knuble, Phi (holding stick), 8:19; Gonchar, Pit (hooking), 8:19; Letang, Pit (boarding), 10:49; Briere, Phi (goalie interference), 17:12; Laraque, Pit, major-game misconduct (checking from behind), 19:57; Cote, Phi, misconduct, 20:00.

Third Period—5, Philadelphia, Vandermeer 3 (Umberger, Hartnell), 3:53 (pp). 6, Pittsburgh, Whitney 8 (Malone, Staal), 4:51 (sh). 7, Philadelphia, Knuble 16 (Carter, Coburn), 5:25. Penalties—Stone, Pit, major (fighting), 5:34; Downie, Phi, major-game misconduct (fighting), 5:34; Malone, Pit (hooking), 19:10.

Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 8-5-11—24. Philadelphia 12-9-12—33.

Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 1 of 2; Philadelphia 1 of 5.

Goalies—Pittsburgh, Conklin 10-2-2 (33 shots-29 saves). Philadelphia, Biron 18-11-4 (24-21).

A—19,807 (19,519). T—2:33.

Referees—Dan O'Halloran, Greg Kimmerly. Linesmen—Pierre Champoux, Tony Sericolo.

Mid-Atlantic Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts
Indiana	24	1	0	48
Wooster	13	10	2	28
Mon Valley	10	13	3	23
Jamestown	10	16	0	20
Valley Forge	7	17	2	16

Today

Valley Forge at Jamestown

Saturday

Jamestown at Indiana
Wooster at Valley Forge

Sunday

Mon Valley at Indiana (4 p.m.)

Sports moves

BASEBALL

American League

MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with RHP Matt Guerrier on a one-year contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with C Rod Barajas to a one-year contract.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with RHP Rafael Soriano on a two-year contract.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Named Jose Vizcaino special assistant.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with RHP Hector Carrasco and LHP Casey Fossum on minor league contracts.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Named Mike Solari offensive line coach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

PHOENIX COYOTES—Assigned LW Daniel Carcillo to San Antonio (AHL).

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Recalled C Darryl Boyce.

COLLEGE

CALIFORNIA—Promoted Ron Gould to associate head football coach. Promoted Jim Michalczik to assistant head coach and co-offensive coordinator.

FLORIDA STATE—Named Bill Shults director of athletic academic support, Lamont Green academic adviser for football and Mary Wright coordinator of tutorial services.

GEORGIA—Named John Lilly tight ends coach.

HAWAII—Named Nick Rolovich quarterback coach.

Chauncey Billups and the Detroit Pistons take on Orlando, 7 p.m., on ESPN.

Sports dial

Today

Television

3 p.m. - Golf Channel - Buick Invitational, golf.

6:30 p.m. -Golf Channel - Turtle Bay Championship, golf.

7 p.m. - ESPN - Orlando at Detroit, pro basketball.

9:30 p.m. - ESPN2 - Australian Open, tennis.

PSAC standings

Men

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
California	2	0	11	4
Edinboro	2	0	12	4
Indiana	2	0	10	7
Clarion	1	2	9	8
Slippery Rock	1	2	3	14
Lock Haven	1	2	1	16
Shippensburg	0	3	6	12

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Kutztown	3	0	11	5
East Stroudsburg	2	0	13	3
Millersville	2	1	12	5
Cheyney	2	1	9	6
Mansfield	0	2	13	4
West Chester	0	2	8	8
Bloomsburg	0	3	8	9

Saturday

California at Lock Haven (3 p.m.)
Indiana at Edinboro
Shippensburg at Clarion
Kutztown at Bloomsburg
Cheyney at Mansfield
East Stroudsburg at West Chester

Women

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Indiana	2	0	17	1
California	2	0	15	2
Shippensburg	2	1	14	4
Edinboro	1	1	11	5
Clarion	1	2	11	6
Slippery Rock	1	2	7	11
Lock Haven	0	3	5	12

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	3	0	13	4
East Stroudsburg	2	0	8	8
West Chester	1	1	9	7
Kutzown	1	2	8	10
Bloomsburg	1	2	5	12
Cheyney	1	2	4	12
Mansfield	0	2	5	1

Saturday

California at Lock Haven (1 p.m.)
Indiana at Edinboro
Shippensburg at Clarion
Kutztown at Bloomsburg
Cheyney at Mansfield
East Stroudsburg st West Chester

High school boys' basketball standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Chartiers Valley	7	0	18	1
Keystone Oaks	6	1	11	9
Ringgold	3	4	6	15
South Park	3	4	8	11
Trinity	2	5	5	13
McGuffey	0	7	3	15

Today

McGuffey at Ringgold
Chartiers Valley at Trinity
Keystone Oaks at South Park

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Belle Vernon Area	6	1	15	5
Steel Valley	4	3	12	5
West Mifflin	4	3	9	8
Thomas Jefferson	4	3	6	11
Yough	2	5	6	13
Elizabeth Forward	1	6	5	15

Today

Belle Vernon Area at Thomas Jefferson
Elizabeth Forward at Steel Valley
Yough at West Mifflin

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	11	0	16	4
Washington	10	1	16	5
Burgettstown	7	4	13	5
Brownsville	6	5	10	11
Charleroi	5	6	10	10
C-Houston	4	7	10	10
Waynesburg	1	10	3	15
Beth-Center	0	11	3	17

Thursday

Albert Gallatin 64, Brownsville 60

Today

Waynesburg at Monessen
Beth-Center at Charleroi
Washington at Burgettstown
Brownsville at C-Houston

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
California	7	0	12	4
Carmichaels	5	2	13	4
Geibel	3	3	4	11
Mapletown	3	3	9	9
Jeff-Morgan	1	6	5	15
West Greene	1	6	2	13

Today

Mapletown at California
West Greene at Geibel
Carmichaels at Jeff-Morgan

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Serra	9	0	18	1
Bentworth	7	3	13	5
Clairton	6	3	9	8
Sacred Heart	5	5	6	14
Cornell	4	5	10	8
Avella	2	8	7	12
Frazier	0	9	2	16

Today

Frazier at Cornell
Serra at Sacred Heart
Avella at Clairton

High school girls' standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Ringgold	7	1	15	5
Chartiers Valley	7	1	14	6
West Allegheny	5	3	10	10
Keystone Oaks	3	5	6	13
McGuffey	2	6	7	13
Waynesburg	0	8	4	15

Thursday

Ringgold 71, McGuffey 39
Chartiers Valley 51, Waynesburg 19
West Allegheny 41, Keystone Oaks 36

Saturday

Ringgold at West Mifflin (2:30 p.m.)

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
West Mifflin	8	0	17	3
Elizabeth Forward	6	2	17	4
Thomas Jefferson	6	2	10	10
Steel Valley	2	6	9	11
Belle Vernon Area	2	6	5	15
Yough	0	8	7	14

Thursday

Thomas Jefferson 51, Belle Vernon Area 39
Elizabeth Forward 73, Steel Valley 41
West Mifflin 77, Yough 16

Today

Uniontown at Elizabeth Forward

Saturday

Belle Vernon Area at Laurel Highlands (2 p.m.)

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Washington	10	0	20	1
Beth-Center	7	4	14	6
Charleroi	6	4	11	10
Brownsville	6	5	14	8
Bentworth	5	5	11	9
C-Houston	1	9	5	17
Burgettstown	1	9	4	18

Thursday

Charleroi 64, Brownsville 34
Bentworth 46, C-Houston 39
Washington 60, Beth-Center 29
Brentwood 39, Burgettstown 24

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
Geibel	8	0	14	5
Carmichaels	7	1	11	9
Mapletown	4	4	11	6
California	3	5	7	12
West Greene	1	7	1	19
Jeff-Morgan	1	7	2	18

Thursday

Geibel 62, West Greene 27
Carmichaels 49, Jeff-Morgan 36

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	9	0	20	0
Serra	6	2	11	5
Clairton	5	4	9	7
Avella 4	4	10	8	
Trinity Christian	2	7	5	14
Frazier	0	9	0	21

Thursday

Monessen 70, Frazier 24
Avella 60, Clairton 59
Beaver County Christian 42, Trinity Christian 38

Saturday

Trinity at Monessen (7:30 p.m.)
East Allegheny at Serra (2:30 p.m.)

High school lineups

GIRLS

Monessen -70

Chukwuedo, 13-7-33; Stepoli, 2-2-6; Minardi, 2-2-7; Popovich, 3-0-6; Anderson, 0-0-0; Beveridge, 3-0-9; Diggs, 4-1-9. Totals: FG - 27, F - 12 (14), T - 70.

Frazier - 24

Fisher, 4-0-8; Ellis, 7-0-14; Gardner, 1-0-2; Keebler, 0-0-0; Traynor, 0-0-0; Wilson, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 12, F - 0 (2), T - 24.

Score by quarters:

Monessen	22	13	22	13	- 70
Frazier	4	10	2	8	- 24

Three-pointers: Monessen - Beveridge 3, Minardi.

Ringgold - 71

Affinito, 2-1-6; Schartner, 5-6-17; Selby, 7-3-17; Resanovich, 3-0-6; Leach, 5-0-10; Melzer, 2-1-5; Pantojas, 2-1-5; Spano, 0-2-2; Gourn, 0-3-3; Sivcek, 0-0-0; Lawrence, 0-0-0; Schmidt, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 28, F - 17 (23), T - 71.

McGuffey - 39

Sheppard, 2-1-6; Couder, 2-0-4 Czulewicz, 1-2-4; S. Smith, 1-0-2; Wigman, 2-1-5; Shober, 3-1-7; C. Smith, 1-0-2; Pottison, 2-5-9. Totals: FG - 14, F - 10 (20), T - 39.

Score by quarters:

McGuffey	10	8	6	15	- 39
Ringgold	23	16	14	10	- 71

Three-pointers: Ringgold - Affinito', Schartner. McGuffey - Sheppard.

Charleroi - 64

Shannon, 3-2-8; Lee, 4-2-11; Neff, 10-2-22; Sidary, 1-1-3; Samoda, 1-1-3; Collins, 4-0-9; Thorne, 1-1-3; Tarpley, 1-0-3; Helster, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 26, F - 9 (17), T - 64.

Brownsville - 34

Onesko, 2-2-7; R. Bruschi, 4-0-8; Lucosh, 5-2-13; Pelehac, 1-0-2; K. Bruschi, 1-0-2; Isaac, 0-2-2; Ulery, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 13, F - 6 (11), T - 34.

Score by quarters:

Brownsville	11	10	4	9	- 34
Charleroi	14	19	19	12	- 64

Three-pointers: Charleroi - Lee, Collins, Tarpley. Brownsville - Onesko, Lucosh.

Bentworth - 46

Kennedy, 1-0-2; Speed, 3-5-11; Hamstra, 2-0-4; Marshalek, 2-6-10; Robker, 3-1-8; Ritzer, 3-1-8;Rick, 1-0-2; Behanna, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 15, F - 13 (20), T - 46.

C-Houston - 39

Provenzano, 1-1-3; K. Rosemeier, 4-4-12; Jenny,3-0-6; Morton, 3-5-11; S. Rosemeier, 2-0-4; Burgess, 1-0-2; Phillippi, 0-1-1. Totals: FG - 14, F - 11 (22), T - 39.

Score by quarters:

C-Houston	10	10	5	14	- 39
Bentworth	4	12	13	17	- 46

Three-pointers: Bentworth - Robker 2, Ritzer.

High school scores

GIRLS

Avella 60, Clairton 59
Beaver 38, Sto-Rox 26
Bentworth 46, Chartiers-Houston 39
Bethel Park 26, Canon-McMillan 18
Blackhawk 49, Center 42
Brashear 49, Neighborhood Academy 33
Brentwood 39, Burgettstown 24
Butler 62, Pine-Richland 41
Carmichaels 49, Jefferson-Morgan 36
Charleroi 64, Brownsville 34
Chartiers Valley 51, Waynesburg Central 19
Derry Area 51, Franklin Regional 50
East Allegheny 48, Freeport 35
Elizabeth Forward 73, Steel Valley 41
Ford City 58, Apollo-Ridge 41
Fort Cherry 48, Carlynton 41
Fox Chapel 44, Plum 33
Freedom 69, Aliquippa 37
Geibel 62, West Greene 27
Greensburg Central 83, West Shamokin 40
Hampton 52, Highlands 44
Hempfield 52, Uniontown 45
Hopewell 55, Montour 44
Indiana 55, Knoch 37
Kiski Area 70, Albert Gallatin 30
Kittanning 39, Burrell 33
Latrobe 44, Penn-Trafford 33
McKeesport 63, Penn Hills 36
Mohawk 40, Shenango 39
Monaca 42, Cornell 13
Monessen 70, Frazier 24
Moon 49, Ellwood City 39
Mt. Lebanon 73, Baldwin 52
Mt. Pleasant 60, Laurel Highlands 43
Neshannock 48, Beaver Falls 39
North Catholic 48, Mt. Alvernia 37
Northgate 37, Springdale 33
Norwin 72, Connellsville 27
Sacred Heart 57, Laurel 36
Peters Township 53, Oakland Catholic 44
Quaker Valley 61, South Side Beaver 39
Quigley 70, Union 30
Ringgold 71, McGuffey 39
Riverside 58, New Brighton 21
Rochester 88, Western Beaver 25
Seneca Valley 51, North Hills 31
Seton-LaSalle 44, Bishop Canevin 41
Shady Side Academy 53, South Allegheny 27
South Park 50, South Fayette 44
Southmoreland 43, Greensburg Salem 40
St. Joseph 75, Elderton 21
Thomas Jefferson 51, Belle Vernon Area 39
Upper St. Clair 60, Trinity 35
Vincentian Academy 84, Leechburg 18
Washington 60, Beth-Center 29
West Mifflin 77, Yough 16
Wilkinsburg 73, Deer Lakes 33

College basketball

MEN

EAST

Binghamton 67, New Hampshire 58
Hartford 83, Stony Brook 81
Loyola, Md. 85, Siena 56
Marist 59, Iona 50
Rider 93, Manhattan 80
Robert Morris 84, Cent. Connecticut St. 73
Sacred Heart 77, Long Island U. 76
Seton Hall 88, Providence 75
St. Francis, Pa. 92, St. Francis, NY 84
Wagner 74, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 70

SOUTH

Appalachian St. 84, Furman 66
Ark.-Little Rock 63, Troy 61
Austin Peay 73, Jacksonville St. 62
Davidson 87, The Citadel 70
Duke 81, Virginia Tech 64
E. Kentucky 65, Tennessee St. 63
Florida Atlantic 70, Denver 68, OT
Florida Gulf Coast 78, Campbell 73
Gardner-Webb 55, Stetson 50
High Point 68, Longwood 54
Kennesaw St. 81, Belmont 79
Louisiana-Monroe 82, Middle Tennessee 69
Mercer 84, Lipscomb 82
Murray St. 81, Tennessee Tech 67
South Alabama 66, Louisiana-Lafayette 60
Tenn.-Martin 61, Samford 43
UNC Greensboro 88, Coll. of Charleston 71
Utah St. 71, Louisiana Tech 61
W. Carolina 72, Elon 60
Wofford 86, Georgia Southern 79

MIDWEST

Butler 63, Loyola of Chicago 50
IUPUI 82, Oakland, Mich. 69
Michigan St. 78, Northwestern 62
Morehead St. 82, SE Missouri 78
Oral Roberts 75, UMKC 47
Valparaiso 60, Ill.-Chicago 56
W. Illinois 65, IPFW 50
Wis.-Green Bay 59, Cleveland St. 50
Wis.-Milwaukee 76, Youngstown St. 69
Xavier 69, Dayton 43

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas St. 68, Fla. International 59
Lamar 89, Cent. Arkansas 86, OT
Sam Houston St. 58, Stephen F.Austin 56
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 82, Texas St. 69

FAR WEST

Arizona 76, Washington St. 64
Boise St. 95, Hawaii 80
Cal Poly 79, UC Davis 67
Idaho 74, San Jose St. 63
Montana 80, E. Washington 61
Montana St. 70, N. Colorado 67
Nevada 87, New Mexico St. 78
Pacific 71, UC Santa Barbara 58
S. Utah 82, Centenary 79
Southern Cal 68, Oregon St. 44
UCLA 80, Oregon 75
Washington 72, Arizona St. 61

WOMEN

EAST

Monmouth, N.J. 79, N.J. Tech 62
Old Dominion 85, Northeastern 51
Towson 57, Drexel 52, OT

SOUTH

Ark.-Little Rock 55, Troy 41
Delaware 71, Georgia St. 57
Denver 69, Florida Atlantic 53
Duke 73, Georgia Tech 47
Evansville 69, Lipscomb 57
Florida St. 75, Miami 70, OT
George Mason 47, William & Mary 42
Georgia 82, Florida 55
Jacksonville St. 76, Austin Peay 56
James Madison 80, Hofstra 64
Kentucky 66, South Carolina 62
LSU 79, Auburn 59
Middle Tennessee 64, Louisiana-Monroe 61
Mississippi St. 57, Mississippi 52
Murray St. 67, Tennessee Tech 55
Northwestern St. 90, McNeese St. 62
Samford 56, Tenn.-Martin 41
Tennessee 98, Arkansas 55
Tennessee St. 104, E. Kentucky 85
Va. Commonwealth 73, UNC Wilmington 52
W. Kentucky 75, New Orleans 64
Wake Forest 85, Savannah St. 41

MIDWEST

Butler 72, Detroit 62
Creighton 71, N. Iowa 63
Drake 75, Bradley 70
Iowa 69, Purdue 53
Michigan 65, Indiana 54
Michigan St. 65, Illinois 62
Minnesota 79, Ohio St. 70
SE Missouri 66, Morehead St. 58
Wisconsin 79, Penn St. 52
Wright St. 51, Valparaiso 50

SOUTHWEST

Lamar 75, Cent. Arkansas 62
Texas St. 73, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 52
Texas-San Antonio 76, Texas-Arlington 53

FAR WEST

Arizona 73, Washington St. 63
Arizona St. 68, Washington 62
CS Bakersfield 94, Utah Valley St. 78
N. Arizona 82, Idaho St. 67
N. Colorado 75, Montana St. 65
Nevada 74, Louisiana Tech 70
New Mexico St. 71, Utah St. 58
Pacific 89, Cal Poly 88, OT
San Francisco 80, Saint Mary's, Calif. 68
San Jose St. 53, Idaho 46
Santa Clara 66, San Diego 64
Southern Cal 59, Oregon St. 47
UC Santa Barbara 62, UC Davis 53, OT
UCLA 63, Oregon 59
Weber St. 77, Sacramento St. 46

Latest Line

BEST BET: Minnesota is easily playing its best basketball of the season averaging 112 points per game its last three games. Boston forward Kevin Garnett will definitely want to have a monsterous game tonight vs. his former team of 12 years. This should be an offensive shootout because Minnesota has no chance in a defensive battle. Take Boston/Minnesota Over 192 for another Best Bet winner. Other plays include Washington/Memphis Over 205 and Milwaukee +9 1/2 vs. Toronto.

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Sunday, Feb 3		
Super Bowl XLII		
University of Phoenix Stadium-Glendale, AZ.		
New England	12 (54)	NY Giants
Saturday		
Senior Bowl		
South	3 (46)	North

NBA

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Phoenix	2 (212)	CLEVELAND
WASHINGTON	8 1/2 (205)	Memphis
TORONTO	9 1/2 (197)	Milwaukee
NEW YORK	2 1/2 (192)	Philadelphia
BOSTON	13 1/2 (192)	Minnesota
DETROIT	7 1/2 (192)	Orlando
NEW ORLEANS	11 (189)	LA Clippers
DALLAS	7 (206)	LA Lakers
aCHICAGO	No Line (XXX)	Charlotte
DENVER	7 1/2 (209)	New Jersey
UTAH	8 (213)	Sacramento
PORTLAND	2 (184)	Houston
Atlanta	11 1/2 (198)	SEATTLE

College Basketball

Favorite	Points	Underdog
FAIRFIELD	13	Canisus
Niagara	4	ST. PETERS
IDAHO ST.	9	Sacramento St.
WEBER ST.	4	N. Arizona

Home team in CAPS

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	33	7	.825	—
Toronto	23	19	.548	11
New Jersey	18	24	.429	16
Philadelphia	16	27	.372	18 1/2
New York	13	28	.317	20 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	27	17	.614	—
Washington	22	18	.550	3
Atlanta	17	21	.447	7
Charlotte	16	26	.381	10
Miami	8	33	.195	17 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	30	13	.698	—
Cleveland	23	18	.561	6
Indiana	19	25	.432	11 1/2
Chicago	17	24	.415	12
Milwaukee	17	26	.395	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	29	12	.707	—
Dallas	28	13	.683	1
San Antonio	28	13	.683	1
Houston	23	19	.548	6 1/2
Memphis	12	30	.286	17 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	25	16	.610	—
Portland	25	17	.595	1/2
Utah	24	18	.571	1 1/2
Seattle	9	33	.214	16 1/2
Minnesota	7	34	.171	18

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	30	13	.698	—
L.A. Lakers	27	13	.675	1 1/2
Golden State	26	18	.591	4 1/2
Sacramento	18	23	.439	11
L.A. Clippers	13	25	.342	14 1/2

Thursday's Games

Milwaukee 104, Indiana 92
San Antonio 90, Miami 89
Golden State 121, New Jersey 119

Today's Games

Milwaukee at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Washington, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at New York, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Denver, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 9 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 10 p.m.
Atlanta at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.

Congress delays talk with Clemens

Meeting pushed back to Feb. 5.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roger Clemens' meeting with a congressional committee investigating steroids in baseball was pushed back until Feb. 5.

Clemens originally was asked to appear Saturday for a deposition or transcribed interview with staff members from the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. That panel has called a Feb. 13 hearing where Clemens and his former personal trainer, Brian McNamee, are among five witnesses slated to appear.

The committee announced a new schedule Thursday of pre-hearing meetings with those witnesses.

Chuck Knoblauch, a former teammate of Clemens' with the New York Yankees, was subpoenaed to appear for a deposition or transcribed interview on Tuesday, although the committee said he has yet to be served.

Andy Pettitte, Clemens' longtime teammate and workout partner, has been asked to appear Jan. 30, with McNamee down for Feb. 7.

The fifth witness, former New York Mets clubhouse employee Kirk Radomski, originally was invited to meet with committee staff on Feb. 1, but his deposition or interview was given Thursday as "TBD" — to be determined.

"The committee changed the dates to accommodate the schedules of the witnesses and lawyers involved," panel chairman Henry Waxman, a California Democrat, said in a statement relayed by a staff member.

Lawyers for Clemens and McNamee have said their clients will appear.

Joe Householder, a spokesman for Rusty Hardin, Clemens' primary lawyer, said the pitcher's legal team would defer all comment on scheduling to the committee.

The committee is reviewing transcripts of three conversations in which McNamee participated, The New York Times reported on its Web site Thursday, citing a congressional staff person with direct knowledge of the matter who was granted anonymity because the committee work had not been made public.

According to the newspaper, the transcripts were provided by Clemens' lawyer and include a Dec. 5 telephone call with an employee of Clemens' agent, a Dec. 12 interview with investigators for Clemens' lawyer, and a Jan. 4 telephone call with Clemens.

Grand

(FROM PAGE ONE)

Monday.

EF ROLLS

In Class AAA Setion 5, second-place Elizabeth Forward rolled to an easy win with Belle Vernon Area and Yough both losing.

Cassy Sanderson and Kristen Hawkins both had 16 points for Elizabeth Forward in a 73-41 victory over Steel Valley.

The Lady Warriors (17-4, 6-2) led 35-17 at halftime.

Elizabeth hosts Uniontown tonight.

BV AREA A LOSER

Belle Vernon Area was a 51-39 loser at Thomas Jefferson.

The Lady Leps (5-15, 2-6) were outscored 15-1 in the second quarter to fall behind 26-6 at halftime.

Sophomoire Jocelyn Connolly and Paige Anderson looked best for BVA with 13 and 11 points, respectively.

The Lady Leps resume Saturday at Laurel Highlands ina 2 p.m. game.

YOUGH GETS ROCKED

Yough went down to West Mifflin, 77-16.

The Lady Cougars (7-14, 0-8) managed only two second half points after trailing 48-14 at halftime.

Raven Metz had 18 points for West Mifflin.

Yough faces Steel Valley Monday in its final home game.

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THE SPIRIT AWAKENS THE HEART... THE HEART AWAKENS THE MIND... THE MIND AWAKENS QUESTIONS...
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STOCK

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EVEN THOUGH I SCRUBBED THE GORDITA OFF MY LIPS, LOLA STILL SEEMS AGITATED.
SHE'S FOCUSED ON YOUR PANTS. THINK DID ANY GORDITA FALL ON YOUR LAP?
GRRR
GERR
NO, BUT I DID HAVE A MISHAP YESTERDAY INVOLVING BACON BITS AT THE WENDY'S SALAD BAR.
QUICK. WE BETTER HOSE THOSE PANTS DOWN PRONTO.
GGRRR

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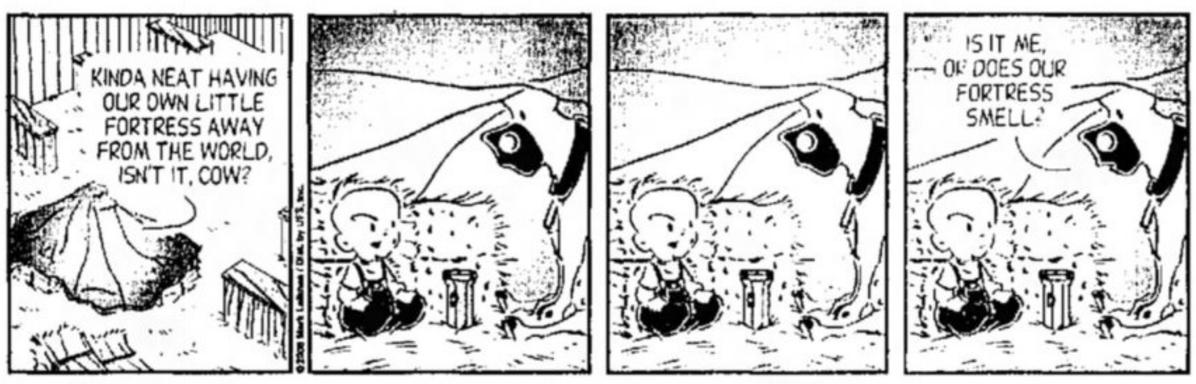

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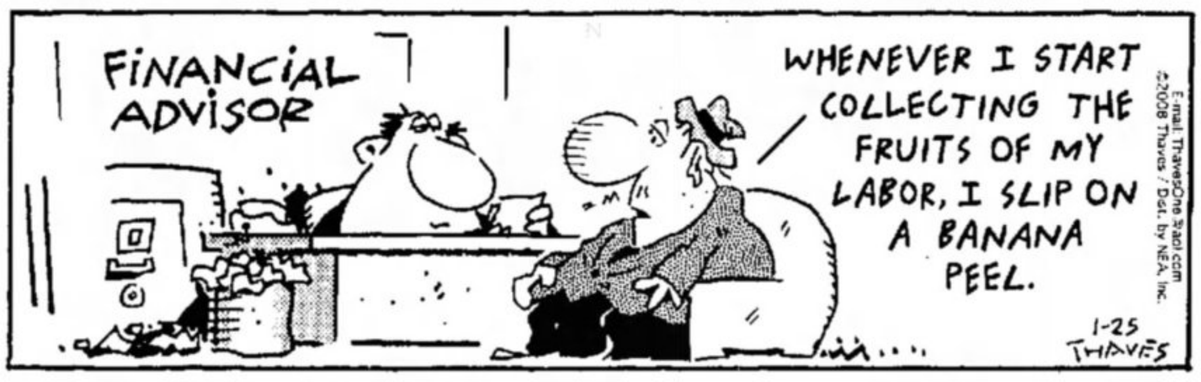

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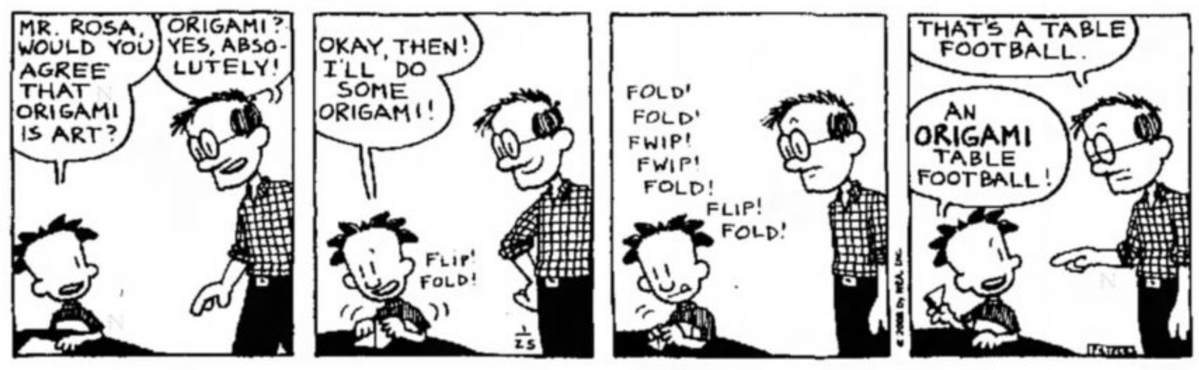
MR. ROSA, WOULD YOU AGREE THAT ORIGAMI IS ART?
ORIGAMI? YES, ABSOLUTELY!
OKAY, THEN! I'LL DO SOME ORIGAMI!
FLIP! FOLD!
FOLD! FOLD! FWIP! FWIP! FOLD! FLIP! FOLD!
THAT'S A TABLE FOOTBALL.
AN ORIGAMI TABLE FOOTBALL!

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OKAY, MR. OOP! I'LL BRING HER!
NO! HER! JUST SEND ALONE!! SHE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP ME NOW!
JUST HOW STUPID IS THIS KID?

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WE CAN'T LET HIM TELL THE POLICE ABOUT LUKE'S CONFESSION...
WE'LL HAVE TO TRY AGAIN... THIS TIME WE CAN'T MISS!
JACK ELROD
THEY SHOOT AT ME, THEN LEAVE- WHY?

Crossword

THE VALLEY INDEPENDENT

Answer to Previous Puzzle

	M	O	C	H	A			V	O	I	L	A
F	I	L	L	E	D		K	E	R	N	E	L
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P	I	N	E	D			T	A	M	E	S	

ACROSS

1 Wish for
5 Low-lying island
8 Citrus cooler
11 Hair curlers
13 Get a move on
14 She has a habit
15 Propel a bicycle
16 Changed to suit
18 John, in Ireland
20 Makes muddy
21 Taj —
23 Dik-dik cousin
24 Burnish
25 Fanatic's feeling
27 Heavy reading?
31 Jackie's second
32 Hence
33 Bad air
34 Dishonorable ones
36 Coastal flier
38 Distinct period
39 Swiss painter
40 Pop singer — Adams
41 Run around a lot
42 Cow's mouthful
44 Emerson opus
46 Gaiety
49 "Como — usted?"
50 Embarrassed
52 Clear
56 Tonic partner
57 Sporty truck
58 Piano exercise
59 Adherent
60 Biddy
61 Failing that

DOWN

1 Bottle edge
2 Pay dirt
3 Non-verbal OK
4 Grind one's teeth
5 Biggers' detective
6 Give assistance to
7 Pine for
8 Not "pro"
9 Hamilton-Burr clash
10 Runs its course
12 Dirty politics
17 Mopes
19 Gave a warning
21 Wall decor
22 Stay
23 Exults
24 Oven shelf
26 Mellowed, as whiskey
28 Rolex rival
29 Ferocious eel
30 Old-time oath
35 Splinter groups
37 Cuddle
43 Yup (hyph.)
45 Recipe direction
46 Pageant figures
47 Long-billed wader
48 Declaim wildly
49 Shangri-la
51 Summer, to Pierre
53 — -de-sac
54 Psyche parts
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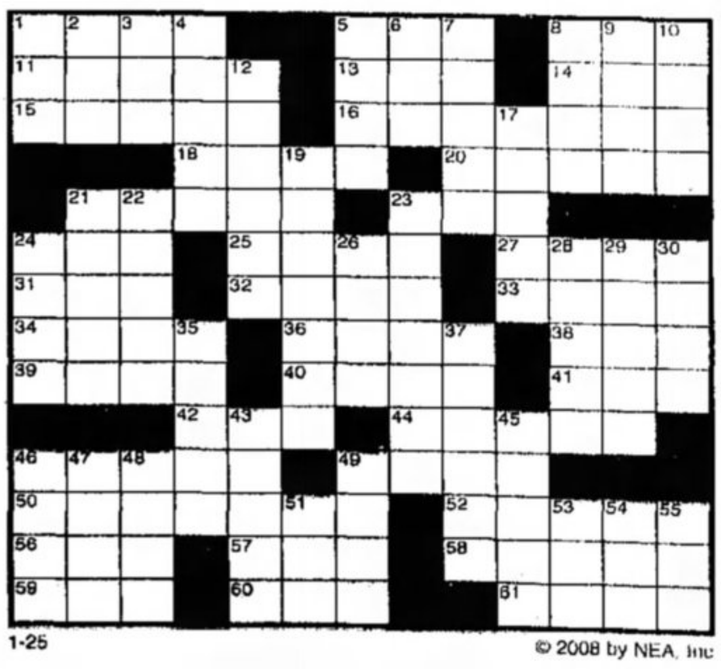

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Teen's affection for mom's boyfriend raises eyebrows

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: Our divorced daughter has been dating "Brian," a man she met online, for a little over a year. My husband and I are concerned about the behavior of our 13-year-old granddaughter, "Lolita," toward him. Lolita is naive in many ways and unaware of the pitfalls she may encounter. She's constantly sitting on Brian's lap, hugging him, or talking to him in very close proximity.

We feel that our daughter should have a talk with Lolita and explain that a "young woman" who is rapidly developing should not act this way with a man who is not her father. Failing that, we feel that, as the adult, Brian should discourage it — which we haven't seen him do.

On a trip to the beach a few months ago, their "play" in the ocean looked more like a couple than a girl with a potential stepdad.

Our daughter also has an 8-year-old girl to whom Brian does not show the same kind of attention. I don't want to make unwarranted accusations about something that may be entirely innocent. It could seriously jeopardize our relationship with our daughter. Do we have a valid concern, or are we just two Puritanical old fogies? — **FEELING UNEASY IN FLORIDA**

DEAR FEELING UNEASY: It would be interesting to know how involved in your granddaughters' lives their father has been. If the answer is "Not very," then it's possible that Lolita is trying to elicit from Brian the kind of affection she has craved from her dad. She may not realize that boundaries are being crossed unless it's explained to her. Because what you saw aroused your concern, you should certainly mention it to your daughter, and urge her to have "that talk" with Lolita.

It concerns me that Brian does not treat both of your granddaughters equally. He may be flattered by the attention he receives from Lolita. Or, he could be flirting with her with an eye to molesting her. Not knowing Brian or his background, I can't predict what might or might not happen. Has it occurred to you to Google him or check the state sex offender Web site? If you haven't, your daughter should.

DEAR ABBY: I have a feeling that my girlfriend of one year, "Wanda," may be trying to manipulate our relationship in a way that I don't get to spend time with my friends, my ex and our kids. When I try to spend time with them, Wanda either gets sick or some terrible situation happens.

She has told me many times that she is a jealous person. I have backed off spending time with all the other people in my life, and now she's hanging out with her girlfriends, saying that because I work nights — and she works days — that she "can't just sit at home." She also says that when I'm off I should want to spend all my free time with her.

I was thinking about asking her to marry me, but now I feel cold feet approaching. What should I do? — **BEEN HERE BEFORE IN MISSOURI**

DEAR BEEN HERE BEFORE: You appear to be a young man with good sense — including your sixth. Jealousy and an attempt to manipulate are often signs of insecurity. Trying to quell your girlfriend's insecurity by isolating yourself won't make her less jealous because jealousy and insecurity are insatiable. Unless your girlfriend is willing to accept that she has a problem and get some counseling, my advice is to pay attention to those cold feet and keep walking.

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FRIDAY EVENING

JAN. 25, 2008

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS (2) KDKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ	News (N)	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric/ (7) Entertainment/ (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N)/ (7) Inside Edition/ (10) Two and a Half Men	Ghost Whisperer "Don't Try This at Home" The urban legend of Bloody Mary becomes a reality for college students.		Garth Brooks: Live in LA! The singer performs as part of five concerts scheduled over two days. (N)		NUMB3RS "Hollywood Homicide" A young woman dies in an up-and-coming actor's Hollywood Hills mansion.		News (N)	Late Show With David Letterman Nathan Lane; Jake Johannsen. (N)		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Diane Lane; James Johann; Ayo. (N)		(2) Extra/ (7) The Insider/ (10) Everybody Loves Raymond "Peter on the Couch"	(2) (10) Paid/ (7) That '70s Show Jackie freezes on camera.	(2) Paid/ (7) That '70s Show/ (10) AutomotiveVision.TV (N)
ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM	(4) News (N)/ (23) The Insider (N)	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition/ (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight/ (23) Wheel of Fortune	Grey's Anatomy George's skill dazzles the new interns; Meredith halfheartedly helps Lexie.		Desperate Housewives "The Game" Bree tells her friends what she overheard in the Mayfair house.		20/20 Anger and what can be done about it. (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (N)/ (23) News (N)	Nightline (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live		(4) Oprah Winfrey/ (23) Paid	(23) Paid	(4) Paid/ (23) Jerry Springer (N)	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11
NBC (6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight Actress Kate Hudson. (N)/ (9) (11) Jeopardy! (N)	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N)/ (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune (N)	1 vs. 100 One contestant battles 100 to win $1 million. (N)		Friday Night Lights "Humble Pie" Charges are filed against Brian and he must decide what to do. (N)		Las Vegas "Guess Who's Coming to Breakfast" Sam needs to get rid of evidence after her whales visit a strip club. (N)		News (N)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)		Late Night With Conan O'Brien Sen. Barack Obama; Wilco.		Last Call With Carson Daly	Poker After Dark Phil Laak; David Williams; Annie Duke; Andy Bloch; John Juanda; Clonie Gowen.	
FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) Seinfeld/ (53) Frasier	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	Seinfeld George wonders why girlfriend left.	Bones "A Boy in a Tree" A decaying corpse is found hanging from a tree.		House "Sex Kills" A heart attack causes the team to change its course of treatment on a seizure patient.		(8) News (N)/ (53) Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10	(8) Seinfeld Jerry asks dentist for prescription.	(8) The King of Queens/ (53) Seinfeld	(8) Frasier/ (53) Scrubs	(8) Engaged to Kill (2006)/ (53) Scrubs "My Super Ego"	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(8) Detoxify Your Body/ (53) Sex and the City	(8) Debt Elimination Ideas/ (53) Cheaters
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	OffQ	Washington Week (N)	NOW on PBS (N)	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		America at a Crossroads "Campus Battleground"		Charlie Rose Jerry Seinfeld and Steve Martin. (N)		OffQ	Tavis Smiley Odetta. (N)	Communities: Bethlehem, PA		Mystery! "Inspector Lynley: If Wishes Were Horses"	
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)				The 10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	That '70s Show	King of the Hill	South Park "Casa Bonita"	Paid	Paid	Paid
(22) WPMY	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Family Guy	★★ Big Trouble (2002)				TMZ (N)	Frasier	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Paid	Paid	Bernie Mac	My Wife-Kids	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The Time Is Now!		The Time Is Now! Annual fundraiser.								The Time Is Now! Annual fundraiser.							
(59) WBGN	Temptation	Temptation	Degrassi	Reno 911!	The Nanny	Mad Abt. You	The Collector		ReGenesis		Reno 911!	Blind Date	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami "Losing Face"		CSI: Miami "Rap Sheet"		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami "Innocent"		The Sopranos		CSI: Miami "Rap Sheet"		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami "Innocent"	
ABCFAM	8 Rules	8 Rules	Bring It On: All or Nothing (2006)				Bring It On: All or Nothing (2006)				The 700 Club		Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
AMC	★★ Sniper (1993)				★★★ Top Gun (1986)					Breaking Bad "Pilot"	★★★ Halloween (1978)					Breaking Bad "Pilot"		Halloween 4
ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter		Profiles of Nature		Most Extreme	Orangutan	Orangutan	The A-List (N)	Animal Cops Detroit		Most Extreme	Orangutan	Orangutan	The A-List	Animal Cops Detroit		Profiles of Nature	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Coupling	Coupling "9 1/2 Minutes"		Tate	BBC World News America		Coupling	Coupling "9 1/2 Minutes"		Tate	Coupling	Coupling "9 1/2 Minutes"		Tate
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N)		★★½ Brown Sugar (2002)						Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Hell Date	Hell Date	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Comicview		BET Late	
BRAVO	Make Me a Supermodel		Make Me a Supermodel		★★★ Beetlejuice (1988)				★★★ Beetlejuice (1988)				★★★ Beetlejuice (1988)				★★★ Enter the Dragon	
CMT	Hogan Knows	Hogan Knows	Hogan Knows	Hogan Knows	Gone Country (N)		Home Videos	Redneck Wed	Gone Country		Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	CMT Music	
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow & Company		Fast Money	Net Worth	The Suze Orman Show		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Mad Money		The Suze Orman Show		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Paid	Paid
CNN	The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	★ The Ladies Man (2000)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama	Futurama	Presents	Presents	Presents	Presents	Presents	South Park	Dave Attell's Insomniac Tour Las Vegas stand-up.			
COURT	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Most Shocking		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Power, Privilege & Justice		Murder by the Book		Most Shocking		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Power, Privilege & Justice	
CSPAN	House of Rep.	Tonight From Washington			Presidential Libraries: History Uncovered				Tonight From Washington		Presidential Libraries: History Uncovered				Capital News Today		Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made	How It's Made	Survivorman		Man vs. Wild "Jungle"		Fight Quest "Indonesia" (N)		Fight Quest Mexican boxing.		Survivorman		Man vs. Wild "Jungle"		Fight Quest "Indonesia"	
DISNEY	Cory in House	Cory in House	Cory in House	Cory in House	Minutemen (2008) Premiere.			Cory in House	Cory in House	Cory in House	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Replacements	Kim Possible	Emperor New	Dragon	Buzz Light	Timon
E!	Court Show	Chelsea	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Kardashians	Kardashians	Snoop Father	Snoop Father	The Soup (N)	Girl Next Door	E! News	Chelsea	The Daily 10	The Soup	Snoop Father	Wild Cop	Party Parents	Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter		NBA Basketball Orlando Magic at Detroit Pistons.					Winter X-Games From Aspen, Colo.				SportsCenter			NFL Live (N)	Fastbreak	SportsCenter	
ESPNC	College Basketball		American Gladiators		Boxing		60 Min.	60 Min.	American Gladiators		Bull Riding: Ride Hard Tour			New Year	Wrestling	Wrestling	Cheap Seats	Arliss
ESPN2	2007 World Series of Poker		NFL Live	Boxing		Boxing		Tennis Australian Open — Women's Final.				Super Bowl	X Center		Winter X-Games		X Center	
EWTN	Conversion	Turning Tide	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The World Over		Worth Living	Holy Rosary	Defending	Reasons	Rome Reports	Holy Land	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The World Over		Installation Mass	
FNC	Special Report		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		Special Report	
FOOD	Minute Meals	Minute Meals	Emeril Live Diner classics.		Good Eats	Tasty Travels	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Paula's Party (N)		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Paula's Party		Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Final Score	Savran on SportsBeat		In Focus	FSN Pro Football Preview		Best Damn Sports Show		SportsBeat	Final Score	FSN Pro Football Preview		Final Score	Best Damn Sports Show		SportsBeat	Final Score	Final Score
FX	★★ Daddy Day Care (2003)				★★ Daddy Day Care (2003)				'70s Show	'70s Show	Nip/Tuck "Magda & Jeff"		★★½ The Clearing (2004)				Paid	Bosley Hair
GOLF	Post Game	PGA Tour Golf Champions — Turtle Bay Championship — First Round.					PGA Tour Golf Buick Invitational — Second Round.						Golf Central	PGA Tour Golf Champions — Turtle Bay Championship — First Round.				
GSN	Lingo	Whammy	Weakest Link		Be a Millionaire		How Much	Family Feud	Family Feud	Chain	Lingo	Whammy	Be a Millionaire		Trivia Trap	Now You See	High Stakes Poker	
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		The Good Witch (2008)				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
HGTV	Extreme	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House	Designed-Sell	Save My Bath	My Kitchen	Find Style	House	House	Get It Sold	Parents	Designed-Sell	Save My Bath	My Kitchen	Find Style	House	House
HIST	Lost Worlds		Modern Marvels "Saws"		Tsunami 2004: Death		Shockwave (N)		A Global Warning?				Tsunami 2004: Death		Shockwave		A Global Warning?	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba	Reba	Good Naked	Good Naked	Top Party	Party: Vegas	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Good Naked	Good Naked	Top Party	Party: Vegas	The Nanny	Paid
MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		Lockup: Holman		MSNBC Reports		Conviction: Orchard		Countdown-Olbermann		Lockup: Holman		Conviction: Orchard	
MTV	Battle of the Sexes Band		Real World-Road Rules		Cribs Priciest Pads		Cribs Priciest Pads		Cribs Priciest Pads		Cribs Priciest Pads		Rob & Big	Rob & Big	MTV Cribs	MTV Cribs	MTV Cribs	MTV Cribs
NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Zoey 101	Ned's School	Barnyard	Avatar	Tigre: Rivera	Tak, Power	George Lopez	George Lopez	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	George Lopez	George Lopez	Home Imp.	Home Imp.
OXY	Bad Girls	Bad Girls	Husband for Hire (2008)				Husband for Hire (2008)				Bad Girls	Bad Girls	The Tyra Banks Show		Janice Dickinson Modeling		Janice Dickinson Modeling	
PCN	PCN Tours		PA Public Affairs										PCN Tours		PCN Profiles		Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Lynn Cullen Show Talk show.		News	News	NightTalk: Get to the Point		News		NightTalk With Ann Devlin		Honsberger	Fedko Fone	News			Paid	NightTalk With Ann Devlin	
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1		Haunted "Fidelity"		Flash Gordon (N)		Stargate Atlantis		Stargate Atlantis "Harmony"		Flash Gordon		Stargate Atlantis "Harmony"		Stargate SG-1 "Frozen"		Stargate Atlantis	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Shocking Moments		Most Amazing Videos		Disorderly Conduct: Video		MXC	MXC	GameTrailers	Game Head	★★ Road House (1989)	
TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	★★½ The Longest Yard (2005) Premiere.					Sex and City	Sex and City	★★★ The Legend of Bagger Vance (2000)				
TCM	★★½ The 3 Worlds of Gulliver (1960)				★★½ Alias Jesse James (1959)		★★★ Support Your Local Sheriff! (1969)				★★★ Support Your Local Gunfighter (1971)				★★½ The Law West of Tombstone (1938)		Kids-Alright	
TLC	Property Ladder		Home Chef	Home Chef	What Not to Wear "Carrie"		What Not to Wear "Jennifer"		Miss America Reality Check		What Not to Wear "Jennifer"		What Not to Wear "Carrie"		Miss America Reality Check		Home Chef	Home Chef
TNT	Law & Order		Law & Order "Cut"		Law & Order "Profiteer"		★★½ The Longest Yard (2005) Premiere.					★★½ Land of the Dead (2005) Premiere.			★★ Mimic (1997)			
TOON	Camp Lazlo	Foster	Chowder (N)	George	Codename: Kids Next Door		Camp Lazlo	Chowder	George	Jimmy's Head	Family Guy	Venture Bros.	Metalocalypse	Shin Chan	Ghost in Shell	Eureka 7	Family Guy	Venture Bros.
TRAVEL	Favorite Waterparks		Samantha Brown's Cruise		Great Cruises		Weird Travels "Bigfoot"		Most Haunted		Samantha Brown's Cruise		Great Cruises		Weird Travels "Bigfoot"		Most Haunted	
TVLAND	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	★★½ Fletch (1985)				★★½ Fletch Lives (1989)				Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Sanford	Jeffersons
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Monk		Law & Order: SVU		Monk Monk must find a killer.		Psych (N)		House "Human Error"		Monk Monk must find a killer.		Psych		The Fast and the Furious	
VH1	Celebrity Rehab		Celebrity Rehab		Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		Best Week	My Fair Brady	Hogan Knows	Hogan Knows	Best Week	Scott Baio 46	Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		Celebrity Rehab		VH1 Goes Inside	
VS.	North-Alaska	Outdoor	Escape	Winchester	Whitetail Rev.	Bucks	Tred Barta	Dangerous	Huntley Way	Quest for One	Whitetail Rev.	Bucks	Tred Barta	Dangerous	Huntley Way	Quest for One	Escape	Winchester
WE	★★★½ Forrest Gump (1994)				Ugliest House on the Block		Ugliest House on the Block		Ugliest House on the Block		John Edward Cross Country		John Edward Cross Country		★★★ Splash (1984)			
WGN	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Funniest Home Videos		★★½ Nothing to Lose (1997)				WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Chappelle's	Chappelle's	Reno 911!	Reno 911!	Reno 911!	Corner Gas
ENC	Running	★★ The Shaggy Dog (2006)			★★★ The Rock (1996)					★½ The Glimmer Man (1996)			John Carpenter's Village of the Damned			★★½ Repo Man (1984)		
HBO	Harry Potter	Breach	Inside the NFL		The Wire "Not for Attribution"		★½ Norbit (2007)			Vince Vaughn	Real Time With Bill Maher		Comedy Jam	Cathouse	Inside the NFL			Diplomatic
MAX	Watchers	★½ The Marine (2006)			★★½ K-9 (1989)				★ The Hitcher (2007)			Coed Confid.	Naked Sins (2006)			★★★ Analyze This (1999)		
SHOW	Snake Eyes	★★ The Story of Us (1999)			★★½ Nacho Libre (2006)				The L Word		ShoXC: Elite Challenger Series				★½ Snake Eyes (1998)			Blair Witch
STARZ	★★★ The Wedding Singer		★★ Stick It (2006)				★★★ Déjà Vu (2006)				★★½ The Da Vinci Code (2006) A religious mystery could rock foundations of Christianity.						★★★ Gridiron Gang (2006)	
TMC	Truman Show	★★ The Third Wheel (2002)			★★ Man About Town (2006)			★★★½ Trainspotting (1996)				★★★ Sherrybaby (2006)			Open Water 2: Adrift (2006)			

FEATURES

Mass unity celebration planned in Belle Vernon

23rd event will honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

BELLE VERNON – Mon Valley Branch NAACP President George Burroughs Jr. and Religious Affairs Committee Chair Luenetta Mason announced that the branch is presenting the 23rd area-wide mass-unity celebration in honor of the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 3 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Antioch Baptist Church, Henry and Highland streets, Belle Vernon.

The Theme is "To Honor the Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., with your help, we can all make a difference and continue building the dream."

Giving the celebration message will be the Rev. James Williams, pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Monongahela.

Several churches will be participating and area youth Abria Hariston, Tim Tyree and Ryan McNeil will deliver "Words of Inspiration."

Soloist Betty Riecks, the Belle Vernon Antioch Baptist Church Mass Choir and the Monessen Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Calvary Gospel Chorus will provide the music.

Individuals, businesses, and religious, fraternal and social organizations are asked to come. Please have one representative from your organization or business serve as spokesperson and introduce your group. Call the Monessen office at (724) 684-8545, and let us know if you plan to attend the program so your presence can be acknowledged.

Co-Chair is Dorothy L. Moore Wilson.

The program will run as follows:

Presiding Officer – the Rev. Jack Howell, Christian Life Ministries, Donora

Invocation – the Rev. John Custer, Orchard Christian Fellowship, Monessen

Opening selection – Lift Every Voice and Sing, led by the Rev. Clifford A. Carter, pastor, Antioch Baptist Church, Belle Vernon

Welcome to N. Belle Vernon - Hon. Edward Lyons, mayor, North Belle Vernon

Ministry of Music – JoAnne Rone, director Antioch Mass Choir and Calvary Gospel Chorus

Scripture - Bishop Karl Jackson, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church

Prayer of Faith - the Rev. Jesse Frost, pastor, First Baptist Church, Donora

Ministry of Music – Betty Riecks, soloist

Statement of Purpose - the Rev. Eleanor Williams, pastor, Wayman-Quinn Chapel AME Church, Monessen

Greetings and Special Recognition – Dale K. Simpson, Monongahela Valley Branch NAACP second vice president

Youth-Words of Inspiration – Abria Hariston, Tim Tyree, Ryan McNeil, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Monessen

Offertory - Deacon Daniel Radcliff, Deacon Leon Johnson, Antioch Baptist Church, Belle Vernon, Deacon Don Miller, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Monongahela

Ministry of Music - Jo Anne Rone, director, Antioch Mass Choir and Calvary Gospel Chorus

Introduction of Speaker - Martha Williams, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Monongahela

Ministry of Music – Betty Riecks, soloist

Celebration Message – the Rev. James Williams, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Monongahela

Ministry of Music - Jo Anne Rone, director, Antioch Mass Choir and Calvary Gospel Chorus

Thank You - Evangelist Luenetta Mason, chair, Religious Affairs Committee

Closing remarks - George Burroughs Jr., president, Mon Valley Branch NAACP

Closing Selection - We Shall Overcome – song led by the Rev. Clifford A. Carter, pastor, Antioch Baptist Church, Belle Vernon

Benediction – the Rev. James Williams, pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Monongahela

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CALENDAR WATCH

Saturday

■ Soup sale, Fells United Methodist Church, Rostraver Township, 10 a.m. to noon.

■ Pike Run 4-H Club kick-off banquet, Hugo's Restaurant, Centerville, 5:30 p.m.

■ "Go Preach the Kingdom of God," Donora Senior Center, 6 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Benefit spaghetti dinner scheduled

A spaghetti dinner to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will be held 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Pasta Shoppe, 509 Donner Ave., Monessen. Call (724) 684-3903.

Carb counting class set at MVH

A Carbohydrate Counting class will be held 9 a.m. Wednesday at Monongahela Valley Hospital's Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center. The Diabetes self-management class will focus on carbohydrate counting with how to measure the upward drive each meal has on blood sugar and information on the glycemic index. For information or registration, call (724) 258-1148.

Jam sessions set at senior center

The Center on the Hill, 100 Summit Road, Washington Township, is holding a Jam Session 1 to 4:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Attendees are welcome to listen to or play their favorite gospel, blue grass, country or other kinds of songs. For information, call (724) 930-8512.

Performance planned at Center in the Woods

Entertainers Teresa Vukmanic and Frank Antonicelli, "Class Act" will perform at the Center in the Woods, California, 10:45 a.m. Wednesday. The admission charge includes lunch.

Tax aid available in Monessen

Five AARP tax aid filers - three e-filers with computers and two paper filers - will be on hand Feb. 5 to April 15 at the Monessen Senior Center, 1925 Grand Blvd., Monessen.

Clients will be accepted by appointment only Tuesdays and Thursdays and must bring a copy of their 2007 tax returns and any other forms showing interest or tax withholding.

Pennsylvania state tax returns will also be prepared. Ask about the Property Tax/Rent rebate program.

The service is provided for persons with low or medium incomes with special preference for those 60 and over.

To make an appointment, call the center at (724) 684-6105 and ask for Diane.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

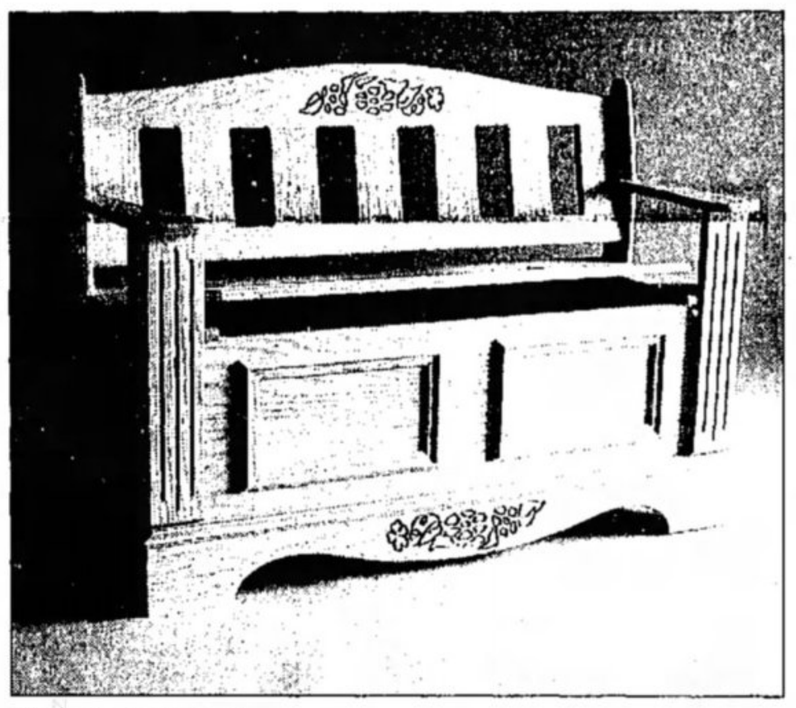
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: S equals V

"WN W LXXPWUXG V YWN OTGX TI WP WPWGJFVNL, HKL PTY V YWPL AXTAEX LT LFGVSX WPR HX FWGOTPVTKN." - PVJTEWN JWUX

PREVIOUS SOLUTION — "Art is the stored honey of the human soul, gathered on wings of misery and travail." - Theodore Dreiser

PROJECT OF THE WEEK



Blanket chest

Neat seat holds it all in style

From the bedroom to the family room to the hall, this handsome blanket chest and seat project is practical for almost any room in the house. Combining traditional styling with plenty of storage under a hinged seat, the chest holds everything from bedding and clothes to toys, boots and umbrellas. And no matter where you put it, an extra seat always comes in handy.

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Newspaper in Education

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TO ENTER, complete the form below and return it with your favorite pet photo and a $10 payment* to the address listed or visit www.valleyindependent.com/petsuperstar and upload your photo today!
Deadline to enter January 31, 2008

Proceeds benefit The Valley Independent Newspaper in Education (NIE) Program

THE Valley INDEPENDENT

ENTRY FORM FOR THE 2008 PET SUPERSTAR CONTEST!
Your Name: _____ Pet's Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
❑ Enclosed Check or Money Order for $10.00 payment* payable to The Valley Independent NIE.
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PET SUPERSTAR 2008 COMPLETE CONTEST RULES
1. To enter, either drop off your photo, completed entry form and $10.00 donation or mail to The Valley Independent Pet Superstar, Eastgate 19, Monessen, PA 15062. Donations are to be made payable to Valley Independent NIE. Checks, money orders, credit cards or cash will be accepted.
2. Color or black/white 4x6 photos will be accepted. Photos can not be returned, but will be available for pick up from April 1, 2008 through April, 30, 2008 at the Valley Independent.
3. All entries must be received by 4:30 pm on Thursday Jan. 31, 2008
4. Only one pet per photo and one photo per entry will be accepted. We will not accept any photo containing humans.
5. Valley Independent readers will cast their votes for their favorite pet photos by ballots made available in the Valley Independent publication, online at http://www.valleyindependent.com/ or at the main lobby of the Valley Independent.
6. Contest will consist of three voting rounds. First round will commence Tuesday, February 11, 2008 and voting will close at 4:30 pm on Friday, February 22, 2008. Round two, consisting of top vote recipients, will commence on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 and voting will close at 4:30 pm on Friday, March 14, 2008. Round three, consisting of top vote recipients, will commence on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 and voting will close at 4:30 pm on Friday, March 28, 2008. Winners will be announced on April 8, 2008.
7. 1st place prize package will be valued at $250.00, 2nd place prize package will be valued at $100.00 and 3rd place prize package will be valued at $50.00.
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Your Birthday AQUARIUS

SATURDAY, JAN. 26, 2008

January 20 through February 18

A number of situations will develop in the year ahead that will enable you to earn and acquire several things you have always wanted. You will have the wherewithal, as well as the outside help, to achieve these special desires.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Success in all that you do -- not only for yourself but for those with whom you're involved -- is indicated, mostly because you will be immensely motivated to do the greatest good for the largest number.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Timing is always of extreme importance, and it can be your strongest ally if you realize that and take advantage of what is at hand. Be on your toes and ready to act.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- It behooves you to start looking ahead a bit in order to successfully blend your present plans with your future ones. Issues will work out far more easily for you if they're compatible.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- How we conduct ourselves in front of others always has a strong bearing on our careers, especially in advancing our positions. Make certain that your grades are very high in this area and you'll go far.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- You enjoy a broad appeal to others, because whenever you make a decision that affects them, you'll not only take into consideration the logical assessments involved but their feelings as well.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- This will be an extremely productive day if you devote your time and energies not only to what needs to be done but also to those assignments you truly enjoy doing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- The artistry you employ when working on something creative is quite impressive, and you will apply this same skill when dealing with difficult people. You are able to mold them into being cooperative with you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Your ability to handle subordinates in ways that makes them feel equal to others will win you their support and cooperation. As a result, they're likely to put forth more effort and do extra jobs they normally wouldn't.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Your ego will be in for a big boost when you hear about all the nice things being said about you, even from a few individuals you didn't think held any opinion whatsoever of you. Your reputation carries far.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- These could be exceptionally good times if you handle your financial affairs and involvements properly. Your chances for enlarging that which you already have are better than usual.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Present events will put a stronger-than-usual emphasis on your leadership qualities. The influences are positive, however, and can be used to advance large projects that fall under your control.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Those material things you acquire right now are apt to be articles you'll treasure for a long time. You have an eye for what is classic and elegant, which will be reflected on all that you procure.

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CAREGIVER needed for daycare in Charleroi. For more info call 724-483-5295.

CARE MANAGER

The PDA Waiver Program of Southwestern PA Area Agency on Aging, Inc is accepting applications for a Care Manager. This position will be responsible for providing community-based long term care management services, developing and maintaining in-home care plans and monitoring the overall service effectiveness in support of the consumer. Must have a Bachelor's degree in social work or related field with 1 year of related experience preferred. Interested persons may submit resume to P.O. Box 66, Charleroi, PA 15022 Attention: Department 0815. For additional information, log on to our home page address at www.sphs.org. Our email address is postmaster@sphs.org

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Local company seeking Field Service Technicians. Responsible for repair and calibration of industrial scales. Electronics and mechanical experience a plus but not required. Competitive wages plus full benefit package including medical insurance and 401K. Send resume to Kanawha Scales & Systems, 579A Park Way, Monongahela, PA 15063.

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Laurel Highlands Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization that supports persons with MH/MR developmental disabilities, is currently seeking part-time and full-time support staff to work in our community homes in the West Newton, Turkeytown Rd., New Stanton, and Elizabeth areas. No experience is necessary. Paid training. Must be at least 18 years of age and have valid PA driver's license. Starting rate is $8.63/hour with benefits after 90 days, increase to $8.86/hr. after 6 months. EOE. Call ONLY Mon.-Fri., 9-3pm. 412-825-9141

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OFFICE MANAGER for local excavating company. Full-time w/ benefits. Fax resumes to: 724-379-8235.

1025/DRIVERS

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1040/MEDICAL

CASEWORKER

The Protective Services Program of Southwestern PA Area Agency on Aging, Inc is accepting applications from qualified candidates. Responsibilities will include receiving and investigating reports of abuse of older adults, carrying out client assessments, developing service plans, providing emergency involuntary intervention and serving on the 24-hour Emergency Team. Master's Degree in Social Services desired or a Bachelor's Degree in Social Services or related field with a minimum of 3 years' direct aging experience required. Interested persons must submit resume to P.O. Box 66, Charleroi, PA 15022, Attention: Department 0814. For Additional Information, Log On To Our Home Page Address At www.sphs.org. Our E-mail Address Is postmaster@sphs.org. An Equal Opportunity Employer

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1040/MEDICAL

Highlands Hospital

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724-626-2314 EOE

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1050/SALES

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1110/BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

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2010/ESTATE NOTICES

ESTATE NOTICE

Letters of Administration on the Estate of Robert B. Saxon, a/k/a Robert Saxon, late of Monessen, Westmoreland County, deceased, having been granted by the Register of Wills of Westmoreland County, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them without delay to:

Marsha Hanam,
Administratrix
14 Elm St.
Monessen, PA 15062
1/11,18,25

ESTATE NOTICE

JOHN M. KONSUGAR,
Deceased

Late of Rostraver Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

Executor:
Marcy Lynn Wilson
600 Silkwood Court
Annapolis, MD 21401

Filed at No. 65-08-0075 in the Court of Common Pleas of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, Orphan's Court Division.

Attorney:
Robert N. Clarke, Esquire
Robert N. Clarke & Associates
15 West Beau Street
Washington, PA 15301
724-228-5000
1/18,25,2/1

Spence, Raymond J.
ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Raymond J. Spence, late of Carroll Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Letters Testamentary upon the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all those indebted thereto to make immediate payment, and to all those having claims or demands to present them for settlement and/or consideration by the undersigned.

Catherine B. Yurkovich,
Co-Executrix
803 ½ Crest Avenue
Charleroi, PA 15022

Deborah Spence,
Co-Executrix
1154 Concord Drive
Brick, NJ 08724

Richard C. Mudrick
Attorney at Law
300 Fallowfield Avenue
Charleroi, PA 15022
1/25,2/1,8

Vaughan, Logan
ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of LOGAN THOMAS VAUGHAN, deceased, late of Monongahela, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Letters Testamentary on the above Estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to those indebted thereto to make immediate payment and to those having claims or demands to present them for settlement.

Lee Vaughan
108 Alexander Street
Monongahela, PA 15063
Administrator

Bradley M. Bassi, Esquire
Bassi, McCune & Vreeland, P.C.
P.O. Box 144
111 Fallowfield Avenue
Charleroi, PA 15022
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2020/BID NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS for the furnishing, delivering of "Election Supplies-Rebid" and for the Washington County Elections Office, Washington County, Washington, PA 15301 will be received at the Office of the County Controller, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 403, Courthouse Square Office Building, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301, until 11:00 A.M. Prevailing Time, on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, and immediately thereafter will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Purchasing Department, Room 402 of the Washington County Courthouse Square Building. (Late bids are not accepted.)

All bids must be submitted as 1 ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES according to the specifications and upon a uniform proposal blank. Specifications and proposal blanks may be picked up at the Washington County Purchasing Office, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 402, Washington, PA 15301 or by submitting a written request to this address. Bidders may fax their written request to the Washington County Purchasing Office at 724-250-6555.

You may obtain the above-mentioned bid proposal from the Washington County Web Site at www.co.washington.pa.us. Vendors receiving bids from the web site are responsible for checking for contract changes at the web site.

BID SECURITIES ARE NOT REQUIRED!

SEALED BID ENVELOPE MUST BE MARKED BID: ELECTION SUPPLIES-Rebid
CONTRACT NO. 020608-1ES

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CO-CHAIRMEN
DIANA L. IREY,
COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

MARY HELICKE
CHIEF CLERK
1/18,25

2030/MEETING NOTICES

MEETING NOTICE

The "Agenda Meetings" of the Authority of the Borough of Charleroi will be held at 3:00 P.M., at the Authority's office, 3 McKean Avenue, Charleroi, PA on the following dates:

January 17, 2008
February 21, 2008
March 20, 2008
April 17, 2008
May 22, 2008
June 19, 2008
July 17, 2008
August 21, 2008
September 18, 2008
October 23, 2008
November 20, 2008
December 11, 2008

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MEETING NOTICE

The Washington Township Planning Commission has set the meeting dates for 2008 as the last Wednesday of each month, except for the month of December. The meeting in December will be held on December 17, 2008 because Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve are on the last two Wednesdays. The time of each meeting is 7:00 P.M. and is held at the Municipal Building, 1390 Fayette Avenue, Belle Vernon, PA 15012.

January 30
February 27
March 26
April 30
May 28
June 25
July 30
August 27
September 24
October 29
November 26
December 17

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2040/CIVIL NOTICES

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF WESTMORELAND COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL ACTION-LAW NO. 4359 of 2007
NOTICE OF ACTION IN MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

THE GIT GROUP, PLAINTIFF vs. ROGER A. McKELVEY, DEFENDANT

TO ROGER A. McKELVEY, DEFENDANT, whose last known address is 355 Chestnut Street, Hyde Park, PA 15641

COMPLAINT IN MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

You are hereby notified that Plaintiff, THE GIT GROUP, has filed a Mortgage Foreclosure Complaint endorsed with a Notice to Defend, against you in the Court of Common Pleas of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, docketed to NO. 4359 of 2007, wherein Plaintiff seeks to foreclose on the mortgage secured on your property located, 355 Chestnut Street, Hyde Park, PA 15641, whereupon your property would be sold by the Sheriff of Westmoreland County.

NOTICE

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED IN COURT. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the notice above, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this Complaint and Notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the Court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the Court without further notice for any money claimed in the Complaint or for any other claim or relief requested by the Plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you. YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW. THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH THE INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE.

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Mark J. Udren, Attorney
For Plaintiff
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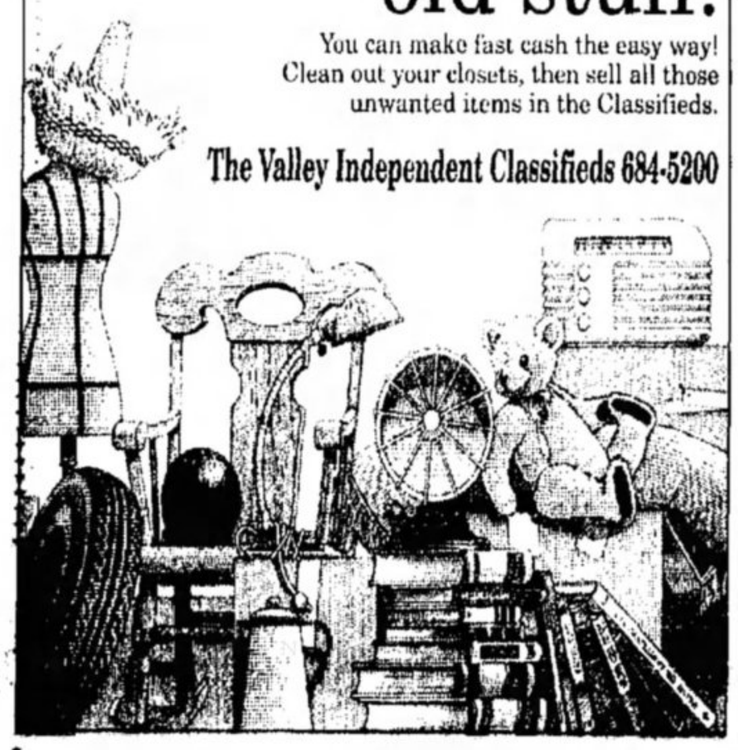

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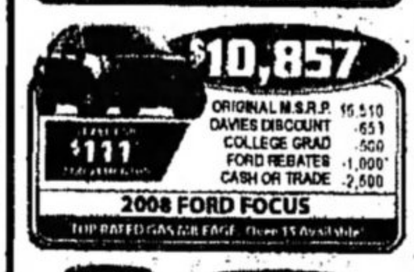

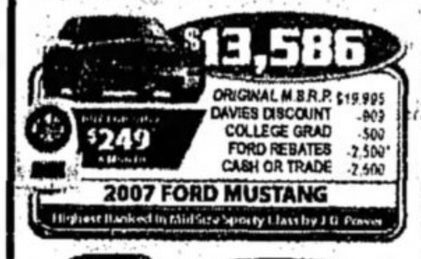

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